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ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are requested to announce CHARLES C. RADCLIFF as a candidate for Township Collector at the ensuing April election.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Eggs are now selling at 20 cents a dozen a drop of 15 cents.

THERE was no blood-shed at Milmine on Sunday.

DECATUR should have the free delivery mail system. Postmaster Lytle has written to the department about the matter.

MARCH 10th is the last day for paying personal taxes. Poney up. Get your receipts.

PAY your taxes. The collectors are around in the city tendering handsome receipts.

TO-DAY Ed. Martin paid $350 cash to Abl. Hardy for two lots in the fifth ward, near the old Elwood property.

POPE & BRO., whose family grocery is in opera block, make a specialty of fine flour and fresh butter.

IT is understood among builders that W. J. Quinlan will put up a $25,000 or $30,000 residence on the mound during the coming season.

TRY Pope & Bro., in opera block, for reliable family groceries, always fresh and nice.

J. F. Moore has engaged in business in Mt. Zion. He has opened a general store in Abe Greenfield's building.

THE Decatur Turners at their meeting last night voted to give $25 in cash for the relief of the sufferers by the Braidwood disaster.

ON your way home stop at Pope & Bro.'s grocery store in opera block and get some of that prepared mince meat.

J. W. TYLER continues to sell laprobes and horse blankets at remarkably low prices.

PARTIES having claims against the county are requested to file the same with Clerk Hardy at once, to avoid trouble and to save time. The county board will meet on Tuesday, March 6th.

THE "New Lights" held the fort in the religious meeting house at Milmine on Sunday last, and the Church of God and Dunkards held off, doubtless to keep peace in the family. It is stated that Elder Gregory will hold services at the school house next Sunday.

DID you hear the reliable harbingers of spring—the robins and blue birds—twittering this morning? Mr. Brewer, the baker, says he heard two flocks of wild geese flying over the city northward at 2 o'clock this morning, and that they made a big fuss. Verily, spring is close at hand.

A REVIVAL of religion is in progress at progress at the M. E. church at Maroa under the supervision of Rev. W. A. Reynolds, the pastor. The meeting began Sunday last, and up to date 15 penitents have asked the prayers of the church. People of that place think a religious awakening has reached Maroa.

A DECATUR party bet $15 yesterday that the Prince of Wales came to America in 1860 accompanied by his wife, and lost. The investigation proved that the Prince was a single man in 1860, and that he visited this country in that year. He was not married until in March, 1863.

ON Monday Rev. Harrison held revival services at Philo, the first station beyond Tolono on the Wabash road. There were fifteen seekers at the altar. The train was late, and the "boy preacher" didn't arrive in Decatur until nearly 9 o'clock last night. He was accompanied by Rev. Dimmitt, who spent Sunday in Danville, Dr. Buck and Will Shellabarger.

THE claims against the Mrs. P. J. Drake stock of goods at Warrensburg now foot up about $3,500. Four Decatur parties have claims against Mrs. Drake, but only one of them, John Ullrich, has caused an attachment to be served. A Cincinnati firm is said to have a claim claim for a considerable amount, and Truman Crissey is "stuck" for a bill of about $200 for cigars and tobacco, we believe.

THE "burnt district" at Mt. Zion is now entirely rebuilt, and those directly interested in the growth of the town are happy again. The Odd-Fellows have put up a new hall, and Mr. John Boyce, of La Place, a carpenter by occupation, has built a store room in place of the one burnt down. It is occupied by J. P. Smith, who has re-opened a general store. We learn that Mr. Boyce will remove from La Place to Mt. Zion during the coming summer.

YOU should get one of those handsome laprobes at J. W. Tyler's store, while they are going off at reduced prices.

A New Hall.

It will be remembered that in June last a disastrous fire occurred at Mt. Zion, in which two business houses were destroyed. One was the property of the Odd Fellows at that place. The members of the Lodge, No. 300, went to work like plucky men and on the site of the old building they have put up a two-story frame building at a cost of $1,200, and on the second floor they have a pleasant lodge room 24 by 40 feet in size, which they have furnished complete with fine furniture and regalia at a cost of $200. The lodge held its first meeting in the new hall on Saturday night when a new candidate was initiated, making a total membership of 48. The principal officers of the lodge are: William Coon, N. G.; O. T. Scott, V. G.; William Hunter, treasurer, and H. A. Traughber, secretary. The first floor of the building is occupied by Champion & Traughber as a general store.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Harrison Revival.

So great was the crowd at the Rev. Harrison revival meeting last night that standing room was again at a premium, and during the exercises the usual close attention was given to the movements of the young revivalist. He delivered a short exhortation and led the singing of the gospel hymns assisted by the choir. During the evening the seekers numbered over 50, and the conversions were so frequent that it was difficult to keep count. One of the converts, a man nearly fifty years of age, has been a member of the Universalist society for some time. Last night, after he experienced a change of heart, he declared it was the happiest day he had known in all his lifetime. There is no abatement in the interest in any of the various meetings. Services this afternoon and evening as usual. To-morrow will be the 14th week of the revival, with about 1400 conversions.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Fighting Whisky.

We are informed by M. P. Murphy and Capt. Post that to-morrow evening at the tabernacle the temperance campaign in Decatur for 1883 will be inaugurated by Brother Jake Hoofstitler, of Sterling, who will be followed at intervals by ex-Gov. St. John, of Kansas, Hon. J. B. Finch, of Nebraska, Luther Benson, of Indianapolis, and Hon. G. W. Bain, of Kentucky, with orators of less notoriety in the war on whisky. It is expected and hoped that all friends of the cause will turn out in large numbers to-morrow night and make the first meeting a boomer.

Damage Suits.

In the circuit court on yesterday two suits of damages were commenced against Charles C. Jokisch, of Virginia Ill., both for seduction, and each for $5,000. The complainants are Miss Sarah Eckherdt and her father, Henry Eckherdt, both of Blue Mound township, this county. Mr. Eckherdt is the owner of 360 acres of improved land near Boody, and the father of Jokisch is reported to be the owner of a farm worth $10,000, located near Beardstown, Ill. A brother of the defendant married a sister of Sarah Eckherdt, so it will be seen that this case, unless it is compromised, will be hotly contested and cause many hearts to ache.

A Decatur Man on Top.

On the 20th instant they had an exciting city election at Bradford, Pa., a former Decaturite, Mr. J. T. Bishop, was among the successful candidates. He was a candidate for re-election to the office of city controller, and he got there in fine shape. We have received a copy of the *Bradford Era* of the 21st, which contains the following allusions to our old friend:

For City Controller J. T. Bishop had the whole field to himself, and of course almost every one was glad to vote for him. Tom Bishop has enough nerve to stand his unanimous vote. He is friendly to all parties, creeds and conditions.

A Pastor's Study Invaded.

While Rev. J. P. Dimmitt was in Danville participating in the anniversary exercises of Kimber Methodist Church, some person or persons, without his knowledge or permission, entered his study, placing therein a new and beautiful couch, for which the parties connected with the transaction have his warmest thanks. Mr. Dimmitt says he is glad that he did not lock his study, and that he will not do so in future.

THE revival at the United Brethren church last night attracted another very large congregation. These meetings are growing in interest every night, and while much good work has been done by Rev. Trueblood, the pastor, and Rev. J. A. Young, of Elwin greater results are confidently expected. Rev. Young delivered the principal exhortation last night, and as usual awakened considerable interest. There was a number of seekers at the altar and several conversions are reported. Revival services every night this week.

IN our account of the Jennings-Wheeler wedding, which appears on another page, we failed to make mention of the fact that the couple received the following gifts from the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler: A cow, set of silver spoons, a lot of pigs, and valuable presents from brothers and sisters of the bride.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Tucker Suicide and Funeral.

The remains of Thomas Tucker, of whose self-destruction at Litchfield Tuesday morning mention was made in these columns last evening, were brought to the city last night in charge of Martin Connolly. The funeral took place from the family residence this afternoon. It appears that Thomas, who was the only son of Mrs. William Tucker, left Decatur for Litchfield on Friday last, taking with him $35, but before leaving he gave his mother about $12. At Litchfield he paid some debts he owed and in company with a number of young men he began drinking. During Monday he purchased a second-hand 38-calibre revolver, for which he paid $2.50. At about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, while in a Wabash caboose, with a brakeman named Glenn, he pulled out the revolver and placing the muzzle above his right ear he fired the bullet into his head, which caused his death in a few moments. Two letters had been written by the suicide addressed to a sister and a cousin, but their contents are unknown. It is believed that the act was the result of trouble between Mrs. Tucker and her husband, from whom she had been separated for a number of years. Until recently the suicide was an employe of the Wabash.

The Boody Case.

Owing to the continued illness of Justice Albert the case of Miss Sarah Eckherdt, of Boody, against Chas. C. Jokisch, of Virginia, Ill., charged with bastardy, was taken before Justice Lowry for an investigation. There was a cloud of witnesses for the defendant present from the vicinity of Boody, mostly young men. The complainant told her story of betrayal and swore positively that Charles was the father of the unborn child. She became acquainted with him in November, 1882. The prisoner made no defense. Justice Lowry placed Jokisch under bond of $1200, and bail was at once given, and the prisoner allowed to depart. The complainant was too ill to remain long in the court room, and after giving her testimony and submitting to a close cross-examination by C. A. Ewing, she was excused.

From Monday's Daily.

A SOMEWHAT exciting episode transpired in a passenger coach on the Illinois Midland railway this forenoon. The conductor in charge of the train was H. H. Helmer. A party named Lew Collins got on the train at Hindsboro with a ticket for Arcola. Collins failed to get off at Arcola, and after reaching a point this side of Chesterville, Conductor Helmer called upon Collins for a ticket. Collins had no ticket after leaving Arcola and refused to pay his fare. An altercation ensued, during which Collins drew a dirk knife on the conductor, whereupon Helmer leveled his revolver at the head of the troublesome passenger, who instantly quieted down and left the train as soon as it stopped. The trainmen and passengers say that Helmer is a nervy conductor with handy persuaders at his command and just the sort of a man to handle rough characters.

Elders and Trustees.

At a recent meeting of the Presbyterian church congregation, two trustees and one ruling elder were chosen. The full board of trustees includes: Messrs. Robert McClelland, W. L. Dumont, Charles A. Ewing, John K. Warren and T. T. Roberts. The elders are Messrs. Reuben Nims, D. H. Heilman, W. R. Scruggs, J. H. Lewis and R. P. Lytle. This church is entirely out of debt and is prospering in every branch of church work, under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Prestley. During the past year the church has contributed $378 for missionary purposes, and for the past two years the members of the Sunday School of the church have paid the expenses of a native missionary in China.

Back Pay Money.

On Saturday last C. W. Fairbanks paid to the clerk of the United States District Court the sum of $263,454 49, to liquidate back pay claims of the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western Railroad Company. The work of disbursing this sum will necessarily be slow, as there are 1,352 claims, and on each the interest—3 per cent. from April 12, 1879, to Oct. 31, 1881, 6 per cent. since that date—must be computed, and 8 per cent. on each claim for attorney's fees.

Matrimonial.

On Monday forenoon at about 9:15 o'clock, at Mt. Zion, Mr. Silas Maiden and Miss Fannie Bolden, of Big Creek, were united in marriage by 'Squire D. L. Foster. The wedding was a big thing for the villagers and was witnessed by quite a number of parties, friends and acquaintances of the contracting pair. The dwelling house was hardly large enough to accommodate the crowd. The bride, notwithstanding her changed relation in life, is still a Maiden.

THE second Quarterly Conference of the Decatur circuit will be held at Mt. Zion on Friday, March 2d. Rev. R. N. Davies, P. E., will preach at 11 a. m. and preside at the conference in the afternoon at 2 p. m.

CAUGHT NEAR CASNER.

The Runaway Boys and Their Return to the City.

From Monday's Daily.

On Saturday last Wilkie Judson, aged 14 years, and a carrier for the Decatur *Review*, and Wallace Edgerton, aged 16, left Decatur for parts unknown, and naturally their mysterious disappearance caused considerable commotion at their homes and among their acquaintances. Wilkie was out collecting for the *Review*, and while making the rounds in company with Wallace it was proposed that they run away from home. They started at once, going on foot eastward over the L. D. & S. branch of the I., B. & W. road.—They left the city during the afternoon. Sunday morning Ed. Judson, brother of Wilkie, and Amos Conklin, learning that the boys had been seen at the L. D. & S. bridge, started in pursuit of the runaway lads. Within two miles of Long Creek Station they saw tracks in the mud leading from the railroad, and following them they came to the residence of Jerry Nicholson, where the boys had slept over night. They were given supper, bed and breakfast at this place, and Jerry filled their pockets with apples before they left. Mr. N. had asked the boys where they were going, and they told him they were bound for Hammond. The pursuers learned at Long Creek that the boys had passed through that place, and then Ed. and Mr. Conklin started on a run to overtake them. Arriving at Casner Station, about 10 miles distant, the pursuers were then about three-quarters of a mile behind the wanderers, and Ed. started off on a trot and caught the boys. He brought them back to Casner and there hired some men to bring the party to Decatur on a hand-car. The boys were overhauled at about 11 o'clock Sunday forenoon, and they are now at their homes, both sorry that they caused so much trouble and worry in running away. They had about $2.50 in cash between them, and although they had not decided where they would go, they would probably have gone to Chicago or some point north had they reached Hammond.

Mr. Judson desires to return thanks to Mr. Conklin and all other friends who so kindly interested themselves in the search for the runaways.

It's All Wrong.

This, from the Peoria *Journal*, shows how false impressions are kept afloat in some usually reliable newspapers:

BROTHER HARRISON, who is running the revival in Decatur, made a contract with some of the outside towns to conduct meetings in them in the forenoon and carry on his work in Decatur at night. The business men in the latter city found out that it shut people off from coming to town, and that it was seriously affecting trade, "so they cried out, seeing that their craft was in danger," and the outside meetings will be discontinued.

The above is all wrong. None of the brethren here have objected to Rev. Harrison filling appointments in outside towns, but on the other hand they not only encourage him in going where he can do good on Saturdays, but also during the other days of the week. The only concern they have in the matter is the health of the young evangelist. He has been in Decatur now for nearly 13 weeks, and he is in as good trim as when he first appeared. These newspaper canards don't trouble him a bit. He is too busy to pay any attention to them, and as to the financial features of the work, that's a matter which concerns only Mr. Harrison and those who cheerfully and willingly foot the bills.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A Death.

The funeral of Thomas Fahey, jr., took place at St. Louis yesterday. Deceased was a horse-buyer well known in this community, and was frequently a guest at the St. Nicholas hotel, making his purchasing headquarters at Caldwell Bros.' livery stable and at Culp's wagon yard. He died after a lingering illness on Saturday last in the 31st year of his age. The remains were taken to Hillsboro, Ill., for interment.

The Home of Bogardus.

Chicago *Times*: Bogardus, the "crack shot," owns a little place of twenty acres near Elkhart, Logan county. There he has a small orchard, a few pretty shade trees and evergreens, a small, cheap barn, a smoke house, a small story and a half house with two additions and two porches to it. It needs paint badly, but Bogardus isn't rich. He made a few thousand dollars on his foreign trip, but is saving that to "back" himself with. His son-in-law tends the place in summer, and tends bar in Elkhart for another son-in-law in winter. His third daughter is the wife of a saloon keeper in Chicago. His four sons go to school and shoot. One of them is nearly grown, the others are small.

THE prospects are that Decatur will soon have the free delivery mail system. We are entitled to this great convenience, as the office during the past year has done nearly $28,000 worth of business—$8,000 more than the law requires to give us the government mail carriers.

Local Religious News.

The grand jubilee service over 1300 conversions at the Harrison revival was held on Sunday afternoon at Stapp's Chapel, where the classes met and where the morning service was held. Quite a number of the converts united with the church. The young people's meetiug and the regular revival were held at the First M. E. church as usual. The seekers last night numbered 57, and there were the usual number of conversions. Revival services every afternoon and evening this week.

Rev. C. B. Roberts preached two excellent discourses at the Baptist church to large congregations; in the morning from the text, "For God so loved the world," &c. In the evening to a very large congregation he preached from the parable of the barren fig tree. After the sermon the ordinance of baptism was administered to three young men and one young miss about twelve years of age, all members of the Sabbath school.

Every inch of seating room was occupied at the United Brethren church last night. The revival services were of unusual interest. The sermon was delivered by Rev. J. A. Young, and at the close ten persons knelt at the altar and five professed conversion. About 20 in the congregation arose for prayers. The meeting was the best and most largely attended of any yet held. Revival service to-night and every evening this week.

At the Christian church last night, Elder Pinkerton, who says he has just fairly commenced his work, preached an excellent doctrinal discourse. He selected for his text the words: "What Shall I do to be saved?" There was a large congregation present. Services every afternoon and evening this week.

In Memoriam.

F. PITT HARDY was born in Francestown, N. H., on May 9, 1834. He came to Decatur about the year 1857, and was married to Miss Mary E. Elliott on Feb. 7, 1860. She died on Sept. 30, 1863. He was married again on Sept. 18, 1865, to Mrs. Maria A. Elliott. She died on April 20, 1871. On May 26, 1880, deceased was married the third time to Mrs. Louisa Ward. While in Decatur Mr. Hardy was at first engaged in the dry goods business and afterwards in the dairy business for a number of years. Eight years ago he moved from Decatur to Lovington, and while there he engaged in farming for three years, the balance of the time as traveling salesmen for different firms. The cause of his death was a cancer, which made its appearance first on Sept. 1, 1882. He was confined to his house from Jan. 1, 1883, confined to his bed from Feb. 18, 1883; he died Feb. 23, 1883, at 1:40 p. m. He passed away very quietly and with but little suffering. He was conscious up to within a few hours of his death. Harry E. Hardy, his only child, arrived home from Nebraska Thursday morning before his father's death; was at his bedside only about 36 hours before his death. He leaves a wife and an only son, and three step-children, two boys and one little girl. He leaves a brother in Norfolk, Nebraska, and three sisters living in Francestown, N. H., to mourn the loss of a husband, brother and father, and a host of friends. He was interred in Greenwood cemetery, this city, on Feb. 24, 1883, services being conducted by the Christian church minister at Lovington, Rev. H. Y. Kellar, after which the corpse was taken to the Midland depot for the 10:38 a. m. train for Decatur.

The License Question.

The question of high license is one which is creating considerable discussion throughout the state at present, and is attracting more or less attention in Decatur, where the license is $500 per year, and we have 23 saloons. There are low license and high license and no-license people among us, and as the next city election will be held on Tuesday, April 10th, six weeks hence, these different elements will talk more less on the subject. In conversation with a local saloon-keeper the other day he remarked to a reporter: "I was in favor of a high license until a day or two ago, but now I am in favor of no license and of giving permission to sell liquor to any responsible party." The Springfield *Journal* of yesterday contained the following:

Danville, in this state, with a population less than one-half as large as that of Bloomington, has thirty-six saloons, while Bloomington has only thirty-three. But the saloon license in Bloomington is $600 a year, while in Danville it is only $400. In Springfield we have 150 saloons with a license of $100 each. Does not this indicate that high license reduces the number of saloons and thoroughly militates against intemperance? How, then, can the people and friends of temperance in the legislature—Republicans and Democrats—vote against a minimum high-license measure?

A New Wrinkle.

It is announced that a recent order from the headquarters of the P., D. & E. is to the effect that on and after Feb. 16, 1883, and the same date of each month thereafter until further notice, employes will be paid from the pay-car attached to the train No. 1. This will make it necessary that men be promptly on hand at the station when the train arrives and transact their business as rapidly as possible.

ELEVEN persons united with the M. E. church at Long Creek last Sabbath, making thirty-seven accessories resulting from the revival services.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Eichenger, Saturday evening, a daughter.

Miss Mamie Freeman is the new organist at the Baptist Sunday School.

Bert J. Hardy and sister are home from Charleston where they had a delightful visit among friends.

John G. Imboden will probably build a dwelling house next summer for his own use on South Main street.

Chas. C. Burroughs departed last night for Zurich, Mo., near which place he will engage in farming pursuits.

Justice Foster, one of the scribes in the circuit clerk's office, married a couple at Mt. Zion yesterday and only got a quarter for tying the knot.

E. McNabb has returned from a visit to his old friend, C. D. Roberts, who resides at Fairfield, Wayne county, this state.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John N. Painter, on Saturday, a boy—10½ pounds. The proud father is the engineer at H. W. Hill & Co.'s establishment.

Mrs. C. B. Smith, who has been in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Coltrin for five months, departed last evening for her home at Las Vegas, N. M.

Miss Katie Martin, accompanied by her sister, Ella, and Miss Mentz, of Monticello, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cassell. They are here shopping to-day and will return home to-night.

W. S. Nichols, the Illinois Central ticket agent, slipped and fell heavily upon a sidewalk yesterday and was severely stunned. He is confined to his home to-day.

Hon. Henry Raab, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was registered at the St. Nicholas last night. He departed this forenoon for Macon, in company with County Supt. Trainer.

Rev. C. B. Roberts and family have gone to Kansas to visit relatives. In consequence of the pastor's absence the meetings at the Baptist church were brought to a close on Sunday evening.

Hugh Crea, Esq., who has been confined to his home by illness for many days, is able to be up and around again, though he is very weak. He has returned from a business trip to Terre Haute.

Harry E. Hardy, of Norfolk, Neb., son of the late F. Pitt Hardy, attended the funeral of his father which occurred on Saturday. He paid the REPUBLICAN a call during the afternoon.

Mrs. Franklin Priest has been very low for several days at her home. She is troubled with a cancer, and is in great bodily pain. Her condition is considered alarming.

Bement *Gazette*: Miss Mamie Smith, of Decatur, has been visiting Miss Cora Niles since Wednesday. Miss Smith is a charming young lady and will long be remembered by those having formed her acquaintance.

D. S. Snideman, a young man of Sidney was accidentally killed at Milmine last week. He was on a freight train and fell between the caboose and a freight car. The wheels struck him and he was killed instantly.

Peter Hubert, brother-in-law of John Black, died of typhoid fever at his home in Indiana, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Black, who attended the funeral, have returned home.

Dr. James F. Moore, who commenced the practice of his profession at La Salle, left that place some months ago, and has opened an office at Carrollton, Green county, where he has made many friends. Dr. Moore has been in the city for several days visiting relatives.

Dr. J. N. Randall will enter upon his duties as county physician on Thursday in place of Dr. Weyl, who will retire. Dr. Randall says he would much rather go to Florida for a month instead of calling upon patients while the roads are so bad.

Mr. John Harper, a wealthy farmer of Lane, in DeWitt county, was in Decatur to day to have Dr. Walston operate on his 12-year old daughter for crossed eyes. He had been advised to go to Chicago, but he says that no doctor could have done a more perfect job.

James A. Miller has returned from Springfield, where he purchased the iron fence around the old state house, paying for the same over $500. The fence will be torn down in a few weeks. Mr. Miller says a Decatur man has been awarded the contract for laying the stone flagging and curbing around the square.

Miss Mary Nebinger, who has been visiting in Pennsylvania since last spring, is expected home in about ten days. A few days ago some sneak-thief stole into her room at her uncle's in Pittsburg and took therefrom $27 in money, with which the young lady had intended to buy her ticket home.

John Coombe, residing near Macon, arrived in the city yesterday from Jacksonville where his son Henry has been attending the Deaf and Dumb asylum. The boy is not entirely deaf and can speak but with difficulty. Henry was brought to Decatur by his father. He is not in good health and for the present he will remain with his uncle, Robert Carson, and family on North College street.

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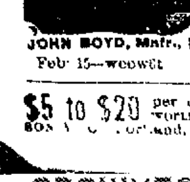
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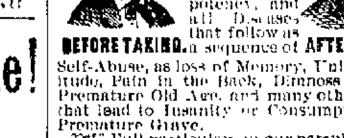
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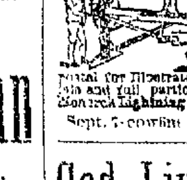


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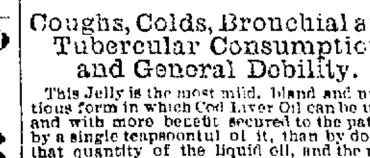
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[All communications for this column should be addressed to J. A. Smith, box 656, Decatur, Ill.]

I dare do all that may become a man; who dares do more is none.—*Shakspeare.*

Man is an animal that cannot long be left in safety without occupation; the growth of his fallow nature is apt to run into weeds.—*Hillard.*

Give a boy address and accomplishments, and you give him the mastery of palaces and fortunes where he goes. He has not the trouble of earning or owning them; they solicit him to enter and possess.—*Emerson.*

"A little nonsense, now and then!
Is relished by the best of men."

TIT FOR TAT.—Mr. C. was a pastor of a Baptist church in a certain town in one of the western states. He had been on very bad terms with his flock for some time. They abused him whenever they could find occasion, and he reciprocated with equal readiness. Before his contract with the parish expired, he received the appointment of chaplain at the state prison. Elated at this lucky opportunity of getting rid of him, the congregation came in full numbers to hear his farewell sermon, perhaps less in compliment than to annoy him with their presence. Great was their astonishment and still greater their anger, when the reverened gentleman chose for his text the following words: "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there ye may be also."

When an old backwoodsman was about to take his first ride on a Mississippi steamer, he was asked whether he would take a deck or cabin passage. "Well," he said, in a resigned sort of way, "I've lived all my life in a cabin, and I guess a cabin passage will be good enough for a rough chap like me."

Miss Belle Stuart has engaged to do the whipping at the Malone for the spring term.

Ada Keller has dropped her fine art studies at Valpariso, and will teach this spring in Macon township.

Ella Hawthorne, of Oakley, will give an entertainment this week, the proceeds of which are to buy a dictionary.

Harristown school organized itself into a working state legislature last week. Pupils occupying the lower forms were classed as representatives, and those on the higher seats were designated as senators. Committees were appointed on all the important departments, and are to investigate the duties of the officers, and the working machinery of all departments. The committee on education is to report the location, attendance, object of, financial condition of, and other important facts connected with our state Normal schools. This committee will report needed school legislation as desired by the pupils.

Go and do likewise.

And now the school ma'am roameth the country over and seeketh for the privilege of doing the public whipping in places vacated by ye pedagogue. Where is the school master?

The February work is now coming in, and will be bound for the fair exhibit. Much of it is in excellent shape.

How is the new teacher to know anything about the grades and standing of the pupils in those schools where the teacher has not held his monthly examinations?

Rank No. 1 of the Central examinations is as follows, so far as we can learn:

White, Adda Stuart; Central, Ida Nickey, The Ridge, John L. Clark; Eldorado, Ella Lichtenberger; Mt. Zion, Mollie Floyd and Wm. Scott, tied, Austin Conter, Edith Peverly; Warrensburg, Jane Batchelder; Boiling Springs, Mattie Ehrheart; Harristown, Mollie Tandy; Niantic, Lulu Morgan and Jennie Mooney, tied; Emery, Grace Thrift; Forsyth, Minna Seeburger.

If the friends of the liquor traffic are wise, and read the signs of the times correctly, they will not exert themselves to any great extent to defeat Mr. Harper's, or some other high license bill. Public sentiment is so thoroughly aroused upon the subject of the retail liquor traffic, and its tremendous cost to the people and the state in proportion to the benefits derived therefrom—to say nothing of the moral aspects of the business—that the people demand reform in the way of compelling the liquor dealer to pay his just proportion of the burden of taxation, and they will have it. The General Assembly may defeat all high license measures, and so transfer the fight from the halls of legislation to the ballot-box; but the struggle is upon us and will not down at the bidding of the free whisky press nor at the beck of the law-makers' wand. The sovereign people of Illinois will have either high license from saloons, or they will have a prohibitory constitutional amendment. Their edict has gone forth and *vox populi vox Dei.—Springfield Post.*

IT has been wisely proposed in Congress to place a fund of $100,000 at the disposal of the President, to be used in case an epidemic disease shall break out in the Ohio Valley after the subsidence of the present unprecedented floods. The great freshet of 1832 was followed by Asiatic cholera, and there is reasonable ground for fear that a similar visitation may follow the event of the present winter. If the waters should subside before the hot weather should set in, there will be less liability of cholera or malarial fevers, but the bottoms of the Ohio were never noted for their healthiness, and it is well to be on the guard. The fund will probably be needed.—*Chicago Journal.*

THINGS are not always distinctly heard through the telephone. A gentleman who wished to talk with a friend afterward expressed great regret that the lady operator was given to profanity, saying she had proposed his going to a place the existence of which Mr. Beecher has come to doubt. What the young lady really said was, "You've got him; go ahead."

A Premature Crusade.

Wall Street News.

During the week of prayer lately held in a Pennsylvania church congregation one of the brethren had some remarks to make about temperance and the habit which some people had of drinking cider. "I am going to pray to the Lord," he added, "that any one in this congregation who makes, or handles, or sells the stuff shall have a burden of sorrow put upon him until he turns from the error of his ways." "When do you begin, Brother Smith?" asked a toil-hardened granger, as he rose up. "To-night, Brother Tompkins—this very night." "I wish you wouldn't, I've got forty barrels of cider on hand, and I want you to give me twenty-four hours in which to sell and ship. After that you can peel your coat and go in six-horse power."

PETER KAUFMAN, a farmer who lives near Kappa, has invented a new threshing machine, which is said to thresh grain twice as fast as the old machines, having by actual trial threshed 2,245 bushels of oats in one day. The machine threshes and weighs the grain, elevates it into a wagon, and keeps a correct account of the number of bushels threshed. It is shaped something like a railroad freight car, but smaller, and there is not a particle of machinery visible except one wheel, to which is attached the chain connected with the steam engine. Chains are used instead of belts and straps. It can be run with less hands than the old machine, while doing twice the work. These are some of the claims put forth for the machine. If it sustains them it will soon supercede all other threshers.

United States Agricultural Society

In 1851 a number of gentlemen interested in agriculture met in Washington and organized the United States Agricultural Society, with a charter from the government. There were 153 delegates present at the meeting, and the society has since held annual meetings, except during the war. At the National Agricultural Convention recently held in Washington, the president, Hon. John A. King, of New York, gave an interesting account of the organization of the society and its purposes and objects The membership has largely increased, and one of the leading objects of the national society is to give valuable aid to existing state and local agricultural societies. It is suggested that by working in conjunction with these state organizations a series of very satisfactory national exhibitions may be held in the several states.

Telling All They Know for Cash.

New York Sun.

Informers are very plentiful in the present murder trials in Ireland. Everybody who has any personal knowledge of the murder or murderers of Cavendish and Burke in Dublin appears to be ready to come forth and tell it. The eye-witnesses of the murders held back their information until they were overcome by the prospect of the reward for giving it; but now they are rushing ahead of each other in their haste to tell all they know about the murder for cash in hand. This sort of thing is a familiar old thing in the trials for murder and other crimes in Ireland.

PROMINENT wheat operators at Milwaukee express the belief that the crop of 1882 has been largely overestimated; that when it was harvested it went into granaries which were completely bare of grain; that the floods in America and Europe, accompanied by rigorous weather, have materially injured the growing crop, and that higher figures for wheat may be justly anticipated.

THE late Marshall Jewell directed in his will that fresh flowers shall be sent every Saturday to his daughter Florence, Mrs. Strong, of Detroit, so long as she lives, and has set aside a sum of money therefor.

Griggs' Glycerine Salve.

The best on earth can truly be said of Griggs Glycerine Salve, which is a sure cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds, and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Only 25 cents. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. April 3-d&w 1y

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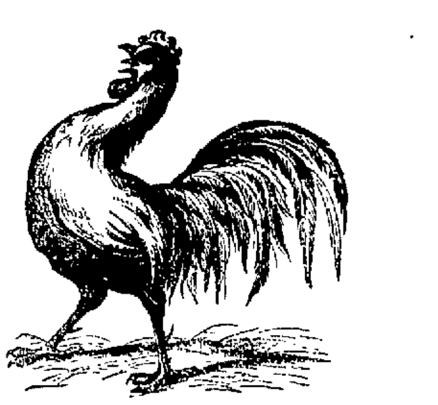
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" 10.00 " OVERCOAT.
" 15.50 PANTS TO ORDER.
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" 10.00 MOROCCO VALISE.
" 40.00 SEWING MACHINE.

ONE $20.00 BRONZE CLOCK, from Otto E. Curtis & Co., jewelers.
" 45.00 SILVER WATER SET, from E. D. Bartholomew & Co.
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Appeal for Aid.

Our people who read the newspapers are informed of the terrible calamity which occurred at Braidwood, Ill. To-day Mayor Waggoner received a letter, of which the following is a copy:

BRAIDWOOD, ILL., FEB. 21, 1883.

To the Mayor of Decatur and Friends:

At a meeting of the citizens of Braidwood and vicinity, including the village of Diamond, to take action looking to the relief of the widows, 40 in number, and the orphans, 100 in number, left destitute by the drowning of the 75 miners in the Diamond mine disaster, of the 10th of Feb., 1883, it was decided that a permanent relief committee should be appointed to solicit and receive subscriptions from the charitably disposed, to be applied to the purpose of aiding in every way practical, the survivors and dependent relatives of the deceased miners. Believing that you will do what you can to aid in this deserving charity, we make free to send you this circular, to enable yourself and sympathizing friends to know how and to whom remittances may be sent for the purpose stated. Any remittances made to any of the officers named at the head of this circular will be properly acknowledged and faithfully applied.

Signed by the mayor of Braidwood and thirty prominent citizens of the town.

The above is a direct appeal for aid to the benevolent of Decatur, and will be promptly responded to by many of our citizens. Mayor Waggoner requests the REPUBLICAN to state that all persons who wish to contribute to the relief of the distressed can do so by leaving their offerings with him or at any of the banks in the city. The contributions will be promptly forwarded to the relief committee at Braidwood.

A World Wants Proof.

"The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof," and not in chewing the string which tied the bag. Therefore, Take Dr. Jones Red Clover Tonic. It cures all blood disorders, torpid liver, sick headache, costiveness, and all diseases of the urinary organs. The best appetizer and tonic known. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner. Fifty cents per bottle. |April 3-d&wly

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To Farmers and Grain Dealers: I am shipping White, Yellow and Mixed Seed Corn, from the best corn belts of Kentucky and Kansas, and will be prepared to furnish good Seed Corn in any quantities, from ten to twenty bushels, at $1.00 per bushel, F. O. B. Liberal discounts made to dealers, and parties ordering larger quantities. Will make prices satisfactory on car lots, and carefully protect the trade. It is important that orders should be sent in this month, to secure prompt attention. Correspondence solicited. E. D. HAMLIN, Shipper of Western Grain, corner 3rd and Madison streets, Springfield, Illinois. feb15w4w

Feed Yard.

Mr. J. W. Averitt has taken the wagon yard and feed stable at the corner of Church and Wood streets, and would be glad to receive the patronage of his friends and the public generally. Good accommodations for horses and vehicles, and prices reasonable. feb22w3mo*

Seed Corn! Seed Corn!

Come and secure your Seed Corn from a choice lot selected especially for our trade from Kansas.

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Implement Dealers, near Union Depot.
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Removal.

We have removed our Real Estate, Insurance and Loan office just across the hall from our old place of business, to newly fitted rooms over Newell Bros. grocery store. We now have on our books a larger list and greater variety of farm and city property than ever before, and would be glad to have all persons interested in buying, selling or exchanging real estate of any kind to call and see us.

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300 CARDIGAN JACKETS.

Cardigan Jackets of all kinds at 25 per cent. below jobber's prices. Must be sold in the next two weeks, at Decatur's One-Price Clothing and Merchant Tailoring Establishment, corner of old square.
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If you want anything in the boot and shoe line, call on J. W. Baker. He is closing out at low prices. Jan. 30-dawtf

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LADIES' fine Rochester shoes worth $4.50 will be sold at J. W. Baker for $3.50. He is reducing his stock.
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OVERCOATS, Suits, Underwear, Hats, Caps, Trunks, &c., at extremely low prices to make room for our big Spring Stock.
CHEAP CHARLEY.

Just Received.

New and handsome carpetings; also an elegant assortment of embroideries, at LINN & SCRUGGS'. Jan. 20, d&wtf

LADIES' solid shoes worth $1.75 will be close out at J. W. Baker's for $1.25.
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Go to your druggist for *Mrs. Freeman's New National Dyes.* For brightness and durability of color are unequaled. Color from 2 to 5 pounds. Directions in English and German. Price 15 cents.
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DIED.

In this city, at the family residence on Mercer street, Feb. 21, 1883, of scarlet fever, the three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Williams.

At the residence of the parents, on South Franklin street, on Feb. 21, 1883, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Connolly, aged 8 months and 2 days.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

It's about time the trees in the city park were trimmed.

THE gas well at Bloomington has flickered out. Ohio parties sunk a good deal of money in it.

SEE J. W. Tyler, south side city park, for cheap lap robes and all styles of harness.

ABOUT 80 feet of the approaches to the county bridge went down. It will probably take two months to make needed repairs.

CONTRIBUTE liberally to the Braidwood relief fund. Hand your donations to Mayor Waggoner, or leave them at the banks.

STEP around and see J. W. Tyler on the south side of the new square, when you want good harness, laprobes and horse-blankets at bottom figures.

TRY Pope & Bro. in opera block for mince meat and family groceries. Low prices a specialty.

A NEW revolving paper case, with about 60 pigeon holes in it, is being rigged up to be placed near the general delivery window in the postoffice. It will be right handy for Deputy Hardy and the public.

INSTEAD of going to the Illinois-Michigan-Indiana-Wisconsin and state of Chicago fair next fall, Decaturites generally say they will take in the St. Louis exposition and help get up a booming county fair.

MANY of the leading breeders and growers of fine blooded stock in Central and Southern Illinois will make their exhibits next fall at the St. Louis fair, rather than ship it to the horse race at Chicago, misnamed a "State Agricultural (?) fair." So said one of our stock men on the street to-day.—*Springfield Post.*

BRO. JAKE HOOFSTITLER, the temperance agitator, is coming to Decatur on March 1st to wage war against whisky. Mr. M. P. Murphey received a letter from Mr. H. this morning. The crusade will commence in earnest at the tabernacle on the date named.

D. H. HEILMAN, the grocer, has had a splendid new delivery wagon built by Kramer & McClelland. The outfit is "a darling" in appearance. As soon as the mud disappears the wagon will be brought out of the shop for use.

IT is doubtful if Rev. Harrison will find time to go to St. Louis. He will probably remain here until April 1st, and then go to Atlanta, Ga., and remain there until about a week before conference meets, when he will spend ten days at Jacksonville, and then go to Danville to remain until Christmas.

DETECTIVE AUS. OWENS went over to Decatur and brought back Henry Rahe Saturday. Rahe is charged with stealing Will McReynolds overcoat and a lot of tools from the Midland shops. He was placed in jail.—*Paris Gazette.*

SEVERAL enthusiastic citizens have paid the bets they lost on the state fair question. One party won a hat-full of cigars. He bet against Decatur after he learned that hoggish Chicago was in the field as an applicant.

ONE engineer of the Wabash has seen thirty-five years of active life on the engines of that and other roads. He estimates that he has traveled at the rate of 45,000 miles per annum during that period, or 1,575,000 miles for the entire time.

MR. COONS, the "bucket shop" operator at Lincoln, has gone away, and it is stated by the *Journal* of that city that speculators there mourn the loss of cash $1,800 to $5,000—alleged to have been taken off by Coons, who is well-known in Bloomington, Pontiac and Chicago.

FRANK REESER has sold his dwelling house to A. Nebinger, who will remove it to a suitable lot and rent it. The two lots have been purchased by Fred. Mattes, who will erect business houses on that corner William and North Main streets.

RECENTLY Hubbard & Swearingen purchased a magnificent soda fountain from an eastern firm at a cost of about $750, delivered. The outfit is at the depot, but the ornamental part of it was smashed on the way to Decatur. The fountain will not be received in its present dilapidated condition. The fountain is a new-fangled affair with a mirror front.

THE Kenney *Gazette* says Uncle Billy Watson has resided in that vicinity for forty-seven years and has never been in Macon, only eight miles distant. Still we find it hard to summon up any sympathy for Mr. Watson. There is a lady in Macon county, or was a few years ago, who is well along toward 70 years of age, and she never had the courage to ride in a railway car, though trains pass through her town every day.

DECATUR citizens interested in the Missouri land purchase held a conference at the city hall last night and heard the report of the committee, Messrs. C. P. Thatcher, V. Barber and Mayor Waggoner, who visited Crawford county and went over a part of the land. It was represented by the committee that the land is not as good as Macon county land, and that while it can be had at a very low price, still it would not be wise at this time to put any money in it. Mr. Lower went with the committee to look at the land. It was the first time he had seen it and he coincides with the view of the committee. Being personally ignorant of the character of the land, of course none of the parties interested criticized Mr. Lower. Their confidence in him is strengthened by their dealings with him.

IS THIS A BLUFF?

THE SCHEME ON FOOT AT SPRINGFIELD AS TO THE PERMANENT LOCATION OF THE STATE FAIR.

From Thursday's Daily.

Decatur business men and others were somewhat surprised and slightly alarmed on finding the following in the columns of the Chicago *Tribune* of yesterday:

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Feb. 20.—A bill will be introduced into the House to-morrow to stop the peregrinations of the state fair, and locate it permanently at Springfield. The capital claims it on the score of a central and advantageous location, and the movers in the scheme insist that the fair has traveled around enough, provoked too much rivalry and jealousy already, and ought to be tied down to some one place. Major Orendorff has drawn the bill, and it will make its appearance to-morrow. The average Springfield mind has apparently become reconciled to the prospect of another failure to consolidate the supreme court, and in order to prevent future agitation on the question the Ottawa and Mt. Vernon lobbies are ready to give Springfield the state fair sop in the hope of thus pacifying and silencing her.

The attention of about forty of our citizens was called to the above paragraph this forenoon, and it was the opinion of all the parties that something should be done at once to head off any speedy action in a matter so important to the business interests of Decatur and this part of the state. A meeting of citizens will doubtless be held and an organization formed to act in the interest of Decatur in case the Springfield scheme is pushed. Decatur is alive and kicking, if she was defeated in the contest on Tuesday. In case the proposition is made to permanently locate the state fair, her rivals will find Decatur one of the most active bidders for the prize in the race.

THE VOTE ON THE LOCATION.

The following was the vote of the members of the State Agricultural Board at Springfield on Tuesday night on locating the fair in the city of Chicago for two years:

Chicago	6	9	10*	10	11	10	10	13
Decatur	8	8	7	8	6	6	5	7
Peoria	6	3	2	2	3	3	2	0
Springfield	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2

Chicago having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared the winner, and the vote was made unanimous.

The Board considered a proposition to change the date of holding the state fair from Sept. 24 to Sept. 17. At first it seemed probable the change would be made, but on a call of the roll the motion was lost.

In Memoriam.

DIED—Lulu Davis, daughter of A. T. and Mary A. Davis, at the home of her parents in Long Creek township, Feb. 20, 1880. Born July 9, 1862, the deceased was in her 21st year. She had been a faithful Christian from childhood, having been converted when but eleven years of age. At that time she united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and remained a steadfast member until she was called to unite with the church triumphant. Hers was a religion that penetrated her daily life and shone forth constantly in her conduct and character. Though early called to close her earthly probation her gentle spirit passes fully prepared to the society of the blest. Her many relations and friends, while they miss her serene and patient face, her kind and cheerful words, will ever feel the gentle drawing of another dear tie that binds them to the better world.

Gone and Going West.

Clinton item: A colony of 62 persons left Waynesville yesterday afternoon for Aurora, Nebraska. They occupy twenty-two cars with household goods, farming implements, stock, etc., and two coaches for themselves. They are all well-to-do people, and will be missed from Waynesville.

Pontiac item: At a meeting of Dakota seekers this week, at Pontiac, resulted in about 120 signing the articles of agreement and 25 cars of freight subscribed for. The time fixed for starting from Pontiac is March 15th. A committee, consisting of G. R. Beach, J. W. Brauer, E. S. Vorhees, and others, were appointed to conclude arrangements with the railroads. The Illinois Central was not ready to give rates.

"Trouble in de Church."

It is reported there is war among the members of three different religious societies round about Milmine, and a nervous party says he fears that there will be hair pulling and perhaps some thumping there on Sunday. It appears that there is an old school house at Milmine which was purchased some years ago by the Milmine people as a general meeting place. Recently Elder Gregory went to Milmine and began holding a series of meetings in the school house. He succeeded in organizing a branch of the "Church of God." There are also in the community societies known as the Dunkards and New Lights. Being common owners of the meeting place, there is naturally more or less disagreement about the possession of the school house. It is stated that each of the societies named has announced that services will be held in the same hour, 11 o'clock on Sunday. The result of the apparently inevitable collision cannot be anticipated. Two of the societies will have to knuckle under, or there will certainly be trouble in the church.

THE measles cause some trouble in Wheatland township. L. R. Stickle says he has had all of it he wants. His wife and five of his children were taken with the disease at one time, and all were down sick in one room. Mr. S. states that nearly everybody in the neighborhood east of his farm has the measles.

ORDER a fine set of light harness made at J. W. Tyler's store, south side of the city park.

JENNINGS—WHEELER.

WEDDING BELLS IN THE COUNTRY LAST EVENING AT 6 O'CLOCK.

From Thursday's Daily.

An interesting matrimonial event occurred last evening at 6 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wheeler, four miles east of Decatur, when Miss Myrtie Wheeler and Mr. Frank Jennings, only son of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. I. D. Jennings, joined hands and hearts for life. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large company of friends by Rev. N. M. Baker. A fine wedding repast was served, and the congratulations were numerous and cordial. The following are among the gifts presented the couple: Charter Oak Cooking Stove, fully equipped, from Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Haines; large family bible, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Jennings; handsome bed-room set, Mr. and Mrs. John Gross; eight day clock, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Davis; glass set, John Hunter; pair of pillows, from friends; handsome bread plate, Grandma Davis; fruit dish, Bennie and Petty Dresbach; fruit dish, Louie Davis; dessert set, Viva and Bertie Davis; table cloth, Mr. and Mrs. Morris; comb and brush, Misses Pettyjohn and Wallace; glass water pitcher, Miss Rettie Hunter; table cover, J. C. Meyers; towel rack, Mrs. A. Goodman; pair of towels, Eddie Haines; napkins, Ada Haines; bedspread, Hattie Nicholson; pair towels, Jane Wilson; table cloth and linen, Mrs. Jennings.

A grand infair was given the couple at the home of the groom's parents to-day, to which all the people in the neighborhood were invited. Frank and his bride will go to housekeeping at once upon a farm near the homes of the parents of the young couple.

A Fatal Fall.

Last Saturday while out in the back yard at the family residence on West Decatur street, Mrs. C. W. Mullens, wife of the shooting gallery man, slipped on the ice and fell heavily, bruising her elbows and wrists. She was stunned by the fall, but in a few minutes she arose without help and went into the house. On Sunday she was taken sick. She went to bed, and this morning at 6 o'clock she died. She received internal injuries as the result of the fall, but did not realize her condition until Sunday. The deceased was aged about 60 years. The funeral will occur to-morrow.

Beef for England.

The other day Hon. J. D. Gillett, at Elkhart, loaded 90 head of cattle and 180 head of sheep into cars and started them for Baltimore, via Chicago, where they will be taken on board the steamship Vesta, which sailed to-day. The cattle are an extra fine lot. They will be placed in the market at Liverpool. The sheep and four car loads of cattle were sent from Elkhart, the balance from Cornland.

From Friday's Daily.

THE funeral of the late Miss Lulu Davis took place on yesterday at Long Creek, and was conducted by Rev. C. Powell, assisted by a minister whose name we did not learn. The deceased was lately a pupil at the high school. Those in attendance at the funeral from Decatur were E. A. Gastman, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Henderson, R. T. Davis and daughter, Miss Ella, Ald. Shoemaker and daughter and son, Alice Imboden, Laura Mahannah, Newton Davis and Sallie Whitsel.

Death of F. Pitt Hardy.

The many Decatur friends and acquaintances of F. Pitt Hardy will be pained to learn of his death, which occurred on Friday afternoon at Lovington. The deceased was afflicted with a cancer and was aged about 45 years. Mr. Hardy came to Decatur in 1857 and before and during the war he was engaged in the dry goods business. A brother of the deceased, Gus F. Hardy, was a lieutenant of a company of the 116th Ill. Vol. and received a mortal wound at the attack on Vicsburg. Of late years Mr. Hardy has been residing at Lovington and was a frequent visitor to this city until a few months ago. He was a quiet, unassuming man and a good citizen. The funeral took place at Lovington this forenoon and this afternoon the remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery, this city.

A New Secretary.

The Decatur Y. M. C. A., through the board of directors, have engaged Mr. D. L. Temple, of Baraboo, Wis., to become the general secretary of the association here. Mr. Temple has accepted the call and will soon enter upon his work in this community. Mr. T., who is a single man, and abundantly able to take care of himself, is very highly recommended by State Secretary Lewis, of Wisconsin, and by State Secretary Brown, of Illinois. He will be quite an important acquisition to the work here, and his coming is anxiously waited.

After a Watch.

This is the way a Decatur man was treated in New York City, as told by the *Daily News* of the 14th:

While R. B. Leonard, furniture dealer, of 2,096 Third avenue, was looking at the Canal street fire yesterday, he felt a tug at his vest and missed his gold watch. Detective Keirns arrested James McDonnell, aged 16 years, and found the watch in his possession. Justice Power to-day committed the accused for trial without bail.

LINN & SCRUGGS have made another great reduction in fine French dress goods. feb13-d&wtf

MR. I. LOD, 760 22d street, Chicago, Ill., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters is the best thing I ever used. Four bottles restored my strength." 23

THEY WANT PENSIONS.

Names of Parties Before the Government Examining Board Yesterday.

Drs. Ira B. Curtis, R. L. Walston and S. J. Bumstead, members of the government examining board, held a levee yesterday at the office of Dr. Curtis, and made an examination of the following-named parties from different parts of Illinois, all believing that they should be given pensions from the government treasury:

Richard T. Gill, Q. M. U. S. Vol., Atlanta.

Garrett Elkin, 1st Lieut., Co. A, 10th Ill. Cav., Springfield.

Edward B. Bierce, private, Co. A, 3d Ill., Cav., Springfield.

George Nash, private, Co. D, 24th Ind. Vol., for increase, Coles Station, Ill.

Milton Dutton, private, Co. H, 116th Ill., Pana.

Wm. Armstrong, private, Cos. D and K, 107th Ill. Vol., Clinton.

Wm. B. Price, private, Co. F, 115th Ill. Vol., Pana.

John Baldwin, private, Co. F, 2d Ill. Light Artillery, Clinton.

Caleb Bowman, private, Co. H, 41st Ill. Vol., for increase, Shelbyville.

John D. Graham, 1st Lieut. and Capt., Co. F, 107th Ill., Lane.

David R. Beverly, private, Co. E, 32d Ill. Vol., Moawequa.

Michael Moran, private, Co. D, 106th Ill. Vol., Mt. Pulaski.

Andrew P. Duffield, trumpeter, Co. B, 5th Ill. Cav., Sullivan.

Philip Immel, private, Co. C, 117th Ohio Vol., Hammond.

John Hogan, private, Co. H, 63d Ill. Vol., Decatur.

Jesse F. Harrold, captain, Co. F, 41st Ill. Vol., DeWitt.

Wm. Jones, corporal, Co. B, 4th Ohio Vol., for increase, Heyworth.

Samuel Huffman, corporal, Co. H, 33d Ohio Vol., for increase, Clinton.

Noah L. Robinson, sergeant Co. I, 39th Ill. Vol. Leroy.

John A. Burwell, private Co. E, 7th Ill. Vol., Wapella.

Christian Dunmeier, private, Co. A, 9th Ill. Vol., Macon.

Elijah Mercer, private, Co. D, 3d Iowa Cav., Taylorville.

John J. Munson, private, Co. B, 1st Maryland P. H. Cav., Iliopolis.

Edwin Philbrook, private, K, 8th Ill. Vol., Decatur.

Those not named as "for increase," are simply applicants for pensions. The board will make their report and send the papers to headquarters for consideration.

The Bond Affair.

We glean the following paragraphs of interest from the last issue of the Blue Mound *Cyclone*:

The statements regarding the condition of Miss Emma Bond are as varying as the wind. Dr. Harvey, who has attended her bedside a number of times during the past few weeks, asserts that she is in a fair way to recovery—that her condition was scarcely ever more favorable than at the present time.

John Montgomery denies the assertion that his house has been converted into a miniature arsenal, and invites inspection of his premises by any one interested. He claims that ever since the trial he has conducted himself just as he always did before, and the statement that his house was filled with repeating rifles, and that some one was on guard all the time, is utterly false and unfounded, as anyone in that neighborhood will say.

She Wants a Divorce.

In the circuit clerk's office Barbara M. Prity, by her attorney, W. C. Johns, has filed her bill of complaint, asking a divorce from her absent husband, Albert Prity. The maiden name of the complainant was Barbara Garvin. She lived at Maroa in this county two years ago, where she met Prity. The twain were married and departed for Champaign where they put up at a hotel. The next day, it is stated, Prity made a flimsy excuse and got possession of $160 which the young wife had earned as a servant and laid by for use in trying times. After Prity came in possession of the cash, which was the next day after the marriage, he deserted the young woman in a strange city and has not since been seen in this neighborhood or heard of. The deserted wife went back to Maroa almost heartbroken, and now she applies for a divorce from the man who won her love and confidence only to rob her of her money.

Part of It True?

A correspondent of the Sullivan *Journal* thus gives our country school teachers a stab:

Macon county teachers are degenerating. One has been arrested and jailed for appropriating a watch and twenty dollars. Another has had his certificate revoked by the Superintendent for turning his school house into a club-room for playing cards, roasting chickens, etc., while another has had to appear before the board to answer a charge of having skating parties near the school house and using the fuel and coal oil of the school.

The public know about the escapade of Jimmy Lane, and of his arrest and incarceration in the county jail; but as to the irregularities of the other two teachers, we are in the dark.

Died at a Ripe Old Age.

Mrs. Mary Sonders, who for many years has been a pensioner of the war of 1812, died on Friday at her late home in Long Creek township, aged 87 years. A few days ago the old lady fell upon the ice and received severe internal injuries which caused her death. She was a remarkably well preserved woman, and was well known in the community where she had lived for many years. The remains were taken to Mt. Zion to-day for burial.

MR. LINN, who is now in New York purchasing Spring Goods, is sending forward desirable goods for the present season. feb23dtf

MINCE MEAT, Horsford's self-raising baking powder, and all grocery specialties, on sale at Pope & Bros. in opera block.

"BANDS OF HOPE."

EDITORS REPUBLICAN:—It may be of interest to your readers to learn some particulars regarding the two Juvenile Temperance Societies organized last fall under the direction of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. These Bands of Hope have met regularly every Sunday afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock, and considering the severity of the weather, the great amount of sickness, and that religious services were held at the same hour, the attendance has been good. The Fifth Ward Band, which meets at the Eldorado hose house, is the larger of the two; but its elder sister, the Third Ward Band, which meets in Janes' Chapel, is growing, the average attendance in the last month being 45. The chief object of these schools is to impress upon the minds of the children a thorough knowledge of the effects of alcohol and an abhorrence of the three great evils, intemperance, tobacco and profanity, and also to help others to shun these evils. By means of temperance literature, consisting of books, papers and tracts, circulated by the children, it is hoped to do something in the work of educating public sentiment; and it may be that some intemperate parents can be reached, as one has said, "when you take the child by the hand you touch the parent's heart;" and in the Bible we read that "A little child shall lead them." The majority of these children, it is true, come from temperate homes, though all do not; and those who do will become more zealous and earnest workers for the right, from having learned these temperance truths and inspiring songs. The following pledge is taken by those who desire to:

I hereby pledge myself to abstain from the use of Intoxicating Drinks, including Wine Beer and Cider, as a beverage; from the use of Tobacco in every form, and from all Profanity.

A pretty certificate of membership and tri-colored badge is given to those taking the pledge.

The superintendents of these schools are appointed by the W. C. T. U., and have the entire management of the schools in their charge, choosing such assistants as they may desire. It is the intention to organize one or more Bands in each ward that their influence may extend throughout the city. No more promising field of labor is given than this of "training up the children in the way they should go," and all friends of children will aid the work by giving a word of encouragement and an occasional visit to these schools which impart that instruction which in the good time coming will be given in every department of the public schools as well as in the home, the Sunday school and the church.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Elder J. V. Beckman has been elected chaplain of the G. A. R. post at Lincoln.

William Taylor is arranging to go to Waverly, in Morgan county, where he will engage in the manufacture of drain tile.

Mrs. A. Goodman, widow of the late Prof. Goodman, will keep a private boarding house at her home on West Eldorado street.

Will and Berry Ennis started for Harvard college at Cambridge, Mass., on Thursday night.

Born—To Mr. J. C. and Mrs. E. J. Williams, of East Wood street, on Friday—a ten pound daughter. Mr. Williams is a salesman at Skelly's grocery store.

Tom O. Smith sends a copy of the *Journal*, a weekly paper published at Albuquerque, N. M., of which he is managing editor. It's hard for Tom to keep out of a newspaper office.

Will Barnes is at Harvard College, fitting himself for the medical profession. One of these days Will will be a full-fledged M. D., and may sling out his shingle in Decatur.

Macon *Independent:* On Wednesday last Mr. Jacob Frick and family left Macon for their new home in Carthage, Mo. We are sorry to lose so good a citizen, but trust he never will have cause to regret his removal.

Mt. Pulaski *Citizen:* Mrs. E. C. Leighton, of Decatur, is in the city visiting Mrs. J. F. Frailey and Mrs. James Goff. Mrs. L. will start for Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 1, with the intention of making that city her future home.

Major Emery, of Maroa, arrived home from Hot Springs, Ark., Monday evening, very much improved in health. He was in the city to-day and paid us a friendly call. He reports Judge Greer feeling firstrate. The Judge will return home soon.

Bloomington *Pantagraph:* Hon. J. H. Rowell, the congressman-elect, left yesterday for Washington, where he will remain until congress adjourns, and get an insight into the workings of that great body. Should congress hold an extra session he will take the oath of office and at once assume the responsibilities of the office to which he has been elected.

Freely B. Caldwell, of this city, has been notified by his attorneys that his enterprise of building a new street railway in Lafayette, Ind., has been considered by the councilmen of that city. The ordinance was referred to a committee to report in a few days. Mr. Caldwell believes he will have a bonanza if the ordinance goes through O. K.

S. H. Anderson, son of Samuel Anderson, of this city, was in the city to-day and renewed his subscription to the weekly REPUBLICAN. Mr. Anderson has been engaged in farming pursuits near Charleston. He has sold his farm at $45 per acre, and will soon locate at Genoa, Nance county, Neb., 110 miles west of Omaha, on a branch of the Union Pacific road. He intends to engage extensively in stock raising.

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The Weekly Republican.

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No choice of a senator in Michigan yet, and no prospect of one.

THE Nebraska legislature has adjourned *sine die.*

MILWAUKEE people are dreading a water famine, owing to the clogging of the inlet pipes by ice.

THE deadlock in the house of representatives at Springfield continues, and no business was done yesterday.

THE widow of the late Marshall Jewell died suddenly yesterday, of heart disease.

A HUMAN curiosity is agitating the medical profession at Bloomington, in the shape of a man whose heart is on the wrong side.

THE river is falling at Cairo. The lower Mississippi is still rising, but it is believed at Memphis that the destruction will not be so great as has been generally feared.

BEN BUTLER sent his first veto message to the Massachusetts legislature yesterday, the bill vetoed being an act to incorporate a Safe Deposit company. The message fell like a thunderbolt upon the legislature.

HON. WILLIAM M. SMITH, of Lexington, Ill., president of the railway and warehouse commission, whose health has been feeble for many months past, has suffered another relapse and but very little hope is now entertained of his recovery.

SENATOR DAVID DAVIS on yesterday formally notified the Senate that on the third of March he would resign the office of president of that body. This is for the purpose of allowing the Senate to elect one of its hold-over members as presiding officer. It is presumed that Edmunds will be chosen.

GILBERT L. CROWELL, who was for many years cashier of the People's Bank on Canal street, New York, but who resigned that position in 1866 to take charge of the Tallman estate, has come to grief through mining adventures. He has not only sunk his own private fortune of $125,000, but also trust funds belonging to the Tallman estate to the amount of $900,000.

The Railway Commission.

Gov. Hamilton yesterday nominated for railway and warehouse commissioners William N. Brainerd of Chicago, Edward C. Lewis of La Salle county, and Charles T. Strattan of Jefferson county. The other applicants can now pack their satchels and hie themselves away to their homes.

IN the House at Springfield yesterday Morrison of Morgan made a speech on the subject of the existing deadlock, in the course of which he charged Haines of Lake with having made a "dastardly, contemptible and cowardly statement, which he know to be a falsehood." This remark of Morrison's created a profound sensation, and when Haines demanded that the language be taken down the Morgan statesman accommodated him by repeating it again. Haines made a very lame reply, and Jim Herrington came to his rescue in a few red-hot remarks, but no gore was spilled.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR entered a Washington theater the other evening in company with a party of ladies and gentlemen, when the orchestra struck up "Hail to the Chief," and the audience cheered enthusiastically. A Washington paper explains the cause of the ovation as follows:

In Washington it is not customary to pay any unusual mark of respect to the President when he chances to visit the theater. There was a peculiar reason for the demonstrations last night. An afternoon paper, the organ of the star route people, had collected nearly two columns connecting the name of the President with a social scandal. The publication was made up of dribbling paragraphs culled from reckless and irresponsible papers published in the interior. The cruelty and the malice of the publications had made the entire city indignant. The cheering and applause were a protest against this outrage, and an assurance from those about him that the attack had only one effect, and that was to create friends for the President instead of making enemies.

Favorable Reports from the Country.

The telegraphic reports to *Bradstreet's* from the leading trade-centres of the country show a wide-spread improvement as regards the outlook for the spring trade. A better feeling is noted in New York dry goods circles, but the trade is late. The February cotton report to *Bradstreet's* indicates that on Feb. 15 the cotton remaining unsold on the plantations amounted to 10 per cent of the entire crop. The reports show a general improvement in the financial condition of the Southern planters, save in North Carolina. Bad weather is causing delay in the preparations for the next crop. Wheat has declined in the last week from 1⅓ to 2 cents per bushel in American markets. Corn declined slightly from the same causes that affected wheat, but the active consumptive demand for that grain sustains the market. Provisions have advanced slightly, partly as the result of diminished receipts of hogs at the West, and partly in consequence of speculative buying at Chicago. The iron market continues very dull and uninteresting. There were 204 failures in the United States reported during the past week, seventeen less than the preceding week, 69 more than the corresponding week of 1882, and sixty-four more than the same week of 1881.

AT Shawneetown the situation seems perfectly appalling. The town is under water, the destitution is very great, and the destruction of property terrible. Mayor J. W. Millspaugh and the Hon. Mark Pool, of Shawneetown, arrived in Springfield yesterday seeking assistance for the people of that vicinity suffering from the overflow, and called upon the Governor to lay the facts before him. They report a scene of great destitution and destruction of property.—Hundreds of people driven from their homes by the flood have been compelled to take refuge in the churches and in the upper story of the court-house, where they are without the necessities of life. On Saturday last the water at Shawneetown was five feet higher than any previous record, and the town is almost completely cut off from communication with the outside world. Many of the people are actually suffering for food and shelter. Gov. Hamilton at once ordered the Adjutant General to forward 100 tents to Shawneetown to provide shelter for such as have not been accommodated, and whatever other measures can be devised for their relief will be taken. But the Governor, without legislative authority, can do little or nothing.—It is hoped the Legislature will take prompt action to assist the sufferers financially.

TWENTY of the leading cotton factors of St. Louis have united in an address to the farmers of the cotton belt, advising a radical change in the matter of farming. They urge the necessity of paying more attention to the growing of food crops, alleging that there has been an over-production of cotton which has forced the price down to a point 15 per cent. below the average of the past five years, while corn is 33 per cent. and provisions 50 per cent. above the average. They contend that a decrease in the production of cotton and an increased product of bread, meat, and other kinds of food will bring about a more prosperous condition of the south, and they ask merchants and planters to call a convention and agitate the question throughout the cotton belt.

ON February 24 the charters of more than 300 National banks in various parts of the country expired. Nearly all the banks first established went into operation on February 24, 1863, and their charter period of twenty years has terminated. All but five of these banks have been examined by special agents of the Treasury, and will go on without delay, under new charters, but with the same organization. The others will do the same as soon as the examiners report upon them.

Druggist's Testimony.

H. F. McCarty, druggist, Ottawa, Ont., states that he was afflicted with chronic bronchitis for some years, and was completely cured by the use of Thomas' Eclectric Oil. 27

The Free-Delivery Service.

The Springfield *Journal* of yesterday has the following paragraph:

Dispatches announce that orders have been issued by the Postoffice Department establishing the free-delivery service by letter-carriers in the cities of Galesburg, this state, and Hannibal, Mo., to commence on the 10th of April. The city of Decatur, in this state, though about the same in population as the cities just named, and we believe entitled to the free-delivery system by virtue of the receipts of its office, seems, as yet, to have taken no steps in this direction, though the establishment there of a penny-post for the delivery of letters and packages by private enterprise, would seem to indicate that it is needed. Evidently Decatur is not living up to its privileges in this age of progress and development elsewhere.

The need of a free delivery in Decatur has never been felt until very recently, and consequently there has been no effort made to secure its advantages. Of late, however, no one who goes to the post office two or three times a day can have failed to observe the very remarkable increase in the crowds which frequent the office. The post office is by no means a small room, but it is often crowded to such a degree as to make it uncomfortable and inconvenient to reach the delivery windows. The letter carrier system would do much to relieve this, and would prove a great saving to people who live or do business at a distance from the office.

The law governing the matter of free delivery is as follows:

SEC. 307—Letter carriers shall be employed for the delivery of mail matter as frequently as the public convenience may require at every place containing a population of 50,000 within the delivery of its post office, and may be so employed at every place containing a population of not less than 20,000 within its corporate limits, and at post offices which produced a gross revenue for the preceding fiscal year of not less than twenty thousand dollars.

An examination of this section of the law shows that Decatur could only have the free delivery system by virtue of the fact that the gross revenues of its post office are in excess of the minimum amount fixed for free delivery offices by the section quoted. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882, the gross revenue of the Decatur office was $27,753.14. A careful estimate shows that the *net* revenue of the office, after deducting all salaries and expenses, including what the carrier system would cost, is still in excess of $20,000.

The following offices, which had less than $20,000 gross revenue last year, have the free delivery system: Burlington, Vt., Camden, N. J., Covington, Ky, Easton, Pa., Hoboken, N. J., Jackson, Mich., Macon, Ga., Mansfield, O., Oswego, N. Y., Petersburg, Va., Pottsville, Pa., Richmond, Ind., Salem, Mass., Zanesville, O. The two cities of Galesburg and Hannibal, though having a greater population than Decatur, return a less amount of revenue to the Department, and have a less volume of post office business.

We understand that an effort will be made at once to have the free delivery system established in Decatur, and we trust it will be successful. We are certainly entitled to its benefits.

THERE is an opinion prevalent at the South that a new drawing of party lines will soon be made. The Macon *Telegraph* believes that it sees many signs of the coming change in Georgia. Among them it mentions the Republican support Gov. Stephens is receiving, the protection speech of Senator Brown, and the rumored appointment of Congressman Speer as United States District Attorney. These straws it considers worth watching as showing the direction in which the political current is running. If the signs mentioned by the *Telegraph* indicate anything, they show that there is a growing liberal element in the Democratic party, which will find it difficult to coalesce much longer with the Bourbon free-trade faction. The *Telegraph* says: "If sectionalism can be banished from national politics, men who must stand opposed the one to the other so long as its dangerous presence is recognized would naturally seek affiliation with each other through the instrumentality of topics of public concern upon which they might cordially agree."

EX-PRESIDENT HAYES, in introducing Senator-elect Colquitt, of Georgia, to a Cleveland audience last Saturday, spoke of him as one of the most promising of coming men. He is a Democrat, and a graduate of Princeton.

The Proposed Road Law.

Senator Hogan's bill for a new road law, which is now before the senate committee on roads and highways, is attracting very general attention, and calling forth much favorable comment. The bill provides an ample fund for the construction of a system of permanent highways, the same to be derived from the following sources:

First—An annual appropriation of $1,000,000 from the state treasury.

Second—All the money paid into the state treasury for the next ten years by the Illinois Central Railroad Company—estimated to be not less than $300,000 annually.

Third—An annual local tax of 40 cents on the $100.

The details of the bill, as culled by the Chicago *Tribune*, are as follows:

1. The proportion of the fund received by each county is to be determined by the number of legal voters as shown by the general election last preceding the day of payment, except that in counties containing cities of more than 20,000 population the number of legal voters in such cities shall not be included in the estimate of the proportion due said counties.

2. The people of every county are required to vote a local tax of 40 cents per $100 for constructing and maintaining public highways, the revenue from which is to be made a part of the permanent fund; and the failure to comply with this condition shall deprive the counties refusing to help themselves of the share they would otherwise receive from the state fund.

3. County Treasurers are required to give a special bond for the safe-keeping of the road fund, and when they fail to do so it is provided that a trustee shall be appointed to take charge of the fund under bonds. It is also provided that the work of construction and maintenance shall be conducted under the supervision of a competent civil engineer, and that a Highway Supervisor shall be selected by the County Board to keep the highways in proper repair.

4. The conditions prescribed for the public highways are: They shall be not less than two rods nor more than six rods wide; at least thirty feet shall be graded according to the profile determined by the civil engineer; the centre line must be at least one foot higher than the outer lines; not less than twenty-five feet of the roadbed shall be covered with gravel, stone, or hard clinker-brick in such manner and to such depth as shall make it hard and solid; the roads shall be drained by tiles of not less than two inches in width, which shall be sunk not less than two feet deep on each side of, and not more than four feet from, the roadbed

5. It is required that each county shall select not less than two nor more than four highways for improvement at the start, and provision is made for the purchase of toll-roads by annual installments and the conversion thereof into free public highways.

The experience of practical men in Illinois will at once suggest that Senator Hogan has been too economical in the matter of drain tile, and that a much more liberal provision must be made in this regard. There may be some other points in the bill that will need revision, but it is a much more practical measure than any other we have seen, and ought to receive the careful consideration of the legislature.

From Tuesday's Daily.

An Accidental Death.

Henry Weld, a farmer, uncle of Mrs. J. T. Hand, of this city, and brother of Edwin and William Weld, of Clinton, was killed at Clinton yesterday morning by a load of wood falling upon him. The deceased had been hauling wood, had got his load on and was returning to the house when the wagon wheels suddenly went into a hole, throwing him upon the ground and the wood upon him, killing him instantly. He was about 45 years of age and leaves a wife. The coroner held an inquest, which elicited the facts as above stated. Mr. Weld is wealthy and was a native of Massachusetts, from which state he moved to Clinton about two years ago.

A Barrel Apiece.

"It may be news to you," said Burdette, the humorist, to a reporter the other day, "that I have become a total abstainer. I reduced the matter to figures and found out that to each man is alloted one barrel of whisky, and by close calculation I discovered that I drank one barrel and a half. In other words, I had drank my own and half of some other man's barrel. I am too honest to rob anybody, especially of the whisky we get nowadays, and therefore have quit drinking whisky entirely." Wonder how many tipplers in this community have drank more than their share of the ardent? If any of them have drank a barrel, according to Bob Burdette's figuring, they should stop short and never drink again.

THE following bill, which has been passed by the Illinois senate and now goes to the house, is claimed to be one of the most important in the series of bills under consideration in the legislature for a reform of the criminal jurisprudence of this state. It provides:

That when affidavit is made for a continuance in behalf of the people or any defendant in a criminal case, on the ground of the absence of a material witness, the state's attorney or the defendant, as the case may be, shall not be required to admit the absolute truth of the matter set up in the affidavit for continuance, but only that such witness, if present, would testify as alleged in the affidavit; and if it is so admitted no continuance shall be granted, but the case shall go to trial, and the party admitting the same shall be permitted to controvert the statement contained in such affidavit by other evidence, or to impeach such absent witness the same as if he had testified in person; provided, that the court may in its discretion require the opposite party to admit the truth absolutely of any such affidavit when, from the nature of the case, he may be of opinion that the ends of justice require it; provided, further, that this act shall not apply to applications for continuances at the same term of the court at which the indictment is found or information filed.

The object of this is to expedite the trials of indicted criminals, and if that will be the effect, the bill ought to become a law.

THE matrimonial statistics of New York City for 1882 present some interesting features. There were 11,085 marriages in an estimated population of 1,300,000, which the statisticians consider a phenomneally small number as compared with previous years, when the enormous growth of the city is taken into account. In looking about for a cause of the phenomenon, the philosophers find it in the increased expense of living and fashionable extravagance. It costs a year's income to be married in style nowadays, and house rents and boarding expenses are very largely increased from what they were ten years ago. It is said to require $5,000 a year now to maintain the same social rank that half the amount would have sustained at that time, and the young men dare not make matrimonial ventures without considerable capital. As to ages, 2,651 girls under 20 were wedded last year, and 4,672 whose ages were between 20 and 25. Of the young men only 204 were married under the age of 20, with 3,922 who were between 20 and 25. The fashionable age for bridegrooms was between 30 and 35, there being 7,508 of that period, which is cited to prove the theory of intimidation on account of expense, as when a man reaches the meridian of life, 33 years, he is supposed to be fixed in fortune and habits. Of bachelors and widowers over 40, there were 1,012 who married, but only 403 women, which shows that matrimonial chances are exhausted among the ladies sooner than among men.

THE most obstinate cases of Catarrh and Hay Fever are cured by the use of Ely's Cream Balm, the only agreeable remedy. Price 50 cents.

Apply into the nostrils with little finger.

CATARRH. For fifteen years I have been greatly annoyed by this disgusting disease, which caused severe pain in my head, continual dropping into my throat and unpleasant breath. My sense of smell was much impaired. By a thorough use for six months of Ely's Cream Balm I have entirely overcome these troubles. J. B. CASE, St. Denis Hotel, Broadway and 11th Street, New York.

My daughter and myself, great sufferers from Catarrh, have been cured by Ely's Cream Balm. My sense of smell restored and health greatly improved. C. M. STANLEY, dealer in boots and shoes, Ithaca, N. Y. 21-deod-w2

The Long and the Short of It.

Somebody claims to have discovered that an ordinary man is two inches taller when he gets out of bed in the morning than when he goes back to it at night. His theory is that there is a gradual diminution in height during the day, caused by the yielding of the plantar arches and of the invertebral discs, as well as a sudden sinking at the articulation of the legs when the individual rises. The sinking at the ankle he places at a third of an inch, at the knee one-twelfth to one eighth of an inch, and the hip two-fifths of an inch. The shortening at the knees is probably due to the elasticity of the cartilages, while at the hips there is as well a sinking of the head of the femur into the colyloid cavity. If any reader thinks it worth while he can measure himself and see what truth there is in this.

Free of Charge.

All persons suffering from coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, loss of voice, or any affection of the throat and lungs, are requested to call at Hubbard & Swearingen's drug store and get a trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, *free of charge*, which will convince them of its wonderful merits and show what a regular dollar-size bottle will do. Call early. 3

MARRIED.

MR. WILLIAM MILLER and MISS MAMIE SWAIN, both of Maroa, were married by Rev. G. B. Black on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1883. The parents of the groom gave a reception dinner to-day (Wednesday) at their home, one mile south of Maroa. Much joy be theirs.

DIED.

Near Niantic on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1883, of pneumonia, CHARLES F. WILLIAMSON, aged about 60 years.

The deceased was lately a tenant on one of J. L. Fenton's farms.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

The Closing Quotations at W. W. Wilcox's Commission Rooms, at 1 p. m. To-day.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.

WHEAT—$1.07⅞ Mar; $1.08⅞ April; $1.13⅞ May; June —.

CORN—57 March; 57¼ Apr; 61½ May; — June.

OATS—41⅛ March; 40⅞ Apr; 42⅞ May; — June.

PORK—$18.25 March; $18.42½ April; $18.65 May.

LARD—$11.45 March; $11.60 April; $11.75 May.

UNION STOCK YARDS.

HOGS—*Estimated receipts*, 17,000; shipments, 4326; light hogs, $6.50@$7.15; mixed, $6.45@$7.05; heavy, $7.00@$7.55; cattle receipts, 6,000.

	Receipts.	*Shipments.*	*Car Lots.*
WHEAT	49,986	6,509	90
CORN	143,117	4,338	416
OATS	109,682	1,001	68
RYE	17,163		21

TOLEDO, Feb. 28.

WHEAT—$1.13¼ Mar; $1.16 Apr; $1.17½ May; $1.13¼ July.

CORN—59 Mar; — April; 62 May; — June.

DECATUR MARKETS.

DECATUR, ILL., M'ch 1, 1883.

The following are ruling retail prices:

Red Wheat flour, per 100	$3.35
White " "	$3.60
White Loaf do	$3.75
Potatoes, per bushel	1.00
Butter, per pound	30
Eggs, per dozen	20
Turnips, per bushel	.40
Cabbage, per head	10@25
Sugar, per pound	9@12½
Coffee, do	20@30
Tea, do	40@1.00
Lard do	15
Bacon, sides, per pound	15
Bacon, breakfast, do	17
Hams, per pound,	15@18
Dried beef, per pound	15@20
Apples, per bushel	2.40
Onions	1.00

COAL.

Hard, per ton	$8.25@9.00
Mt. Olive Soft Coal	3.50
Decatur do	3.00

PAYING PRICE.

Wheat, per bushel	85@90
Corn, " " new	40
Oats, " "	33
Rye, " "	45
Hay, prairie, per ton	
" timothy, "	8.50@10.00
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Is not signing a pledge or taking a solemn oath that cannot be kept, because of the non-removal of the cause—liquor. The way to make a man temperate is to kill the desire for those dreadful artificial stimulants that carry so many bright intellects to premature graves, and desolation, strife and unhappiness into so many families.

It is a fact! BROWN'S IRON BITTERS, a true non-alcoholic tonic, made in Baltimore, Md., by the Brown Chemical Company, who are old druggists and in every particular reliable, will, by removing the craving appetite of the drunkard, and by curing the nervousness, weakness, and general ill health resulting from intemperance, do more to promote temperance, in the strictest sense than any other means now known.

It is a well authenticated fact that many medicines, especially 'bitters,' are nothing but cheap whiskey vilely concocted for use in local option countries. Such is not the case with BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. It is a medicine, a cure for weakness and decay in the nervous, muscular, and digestive organs of the body, producing good, rich blood, health and strength. Try one bottle. Price $1.00.

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2,500 " 4-4 FINE BLEACHED COTTON, 8 cents.
5,000 " SEA ISLAND COTTON, 7½ cents.
1,000 " KENTUCKY JEANS, (worth 20c), 14 cents.
3,000 " Desirable DRESS GOODS, (now in transit) worth 25 cents, will be sold at 15 cents.

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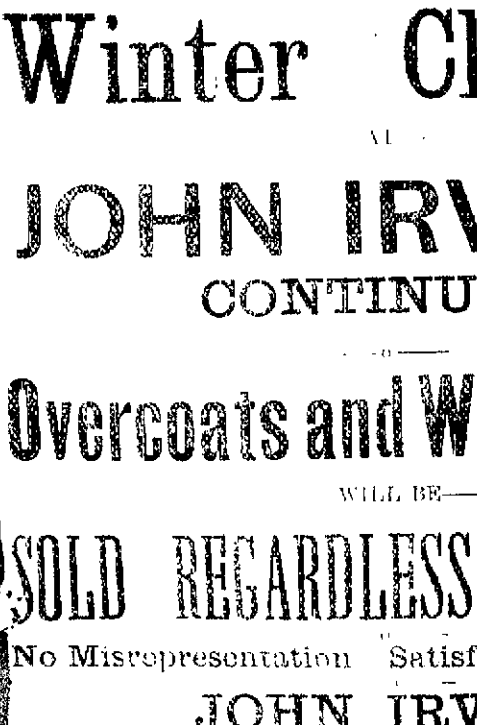
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BEECHER said in the pulpit recently: "There are many persons that sit on their grief as miserable fowls sit upon eggs that are spent; and the longer they sit the worse they are. When a grief has had its way let it go; make no nest for it; warm it with no feathers, abandon it. A man should be willing to give to his country himself, through the days and the nights, through the storm and the calm, through youth and manhood and through old age, and should never, never, feel that he has done enough. But when a man kindles the fires of conceit under the golden skillet in which he stews his virtues and his services, there is the end of him. He goes up in smoke and ill-conditioned savors. I love those streams that run full, clear to the ocean. Some men there are who are like mountain streams, torrent fed, that boom in the spring with wondrous glory of fullness and power, and go rushing through the earlier months, but slacken their speed, and by midsummer are only a trickling reminiscence of the river. I like to think of streams like the old Merrimac, that begin work up near their head-waters and never run a league without turning some mighty wheel of industry, and have no vacation to the end, but go into the sea with the very foam on their surface." It is evident that Rev. Beecher is unlike the public man who said that he had two deficiencies that were very much in the way of his success, to-wit: He lacked ideas and the power of expressing them.

The Census and Agriculture.

According to the census of 1880, the productiveness of the persons employed in farming varies surprisingly. The highest productiveness appears in the Pacific States, where 110,667 persons engaged in agriculture in 1879 produced staples worth $75,811,422, or $685 to each person engaged in the business. The next highest in the list are the four Middle States, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, where 755,633 persons raised crops to the value of $343,757,272, or $454 to each person. The Western or Mississippi Valley States come next in order, with 2,346,514 persons producing crops worth $913,960,652, or $389 to each worker. New England's poor soil and worse climate cut her products down so that 301,815 farm workers produce only $103,343,566, or $342 each. But the astonishing result is in the South. Here 4,070,945 laborers produce values aggregating $756,391,308, or only $185 to each worker.

ON the morning of the day before his death, it is said, the late Marshall Jewell awoke from a sound sleep and at once asked what was the matter at the home of William E. Dodge. A telegram had just been received by Mr. Jewell's family announcing the death of Mr. Dodge, but it was not thought best to let Mr. Jewell know it, so he was told that all was well there. He would not believe them. Something had happened, he said; some great affliction had overtaken the family. Insisting upon this, and refusing to accept his family's denials, he at length induced them to telegraph to New York to see what was the matter. But Mrs. Jewell so worded the telegram as to instruct those who received it to answer that everything was all right. When that answer came, they told Mr. Jewell, who refused to believe it, and asked to see the message itself. This request being granted, and having the ocular proof before his eyes, in the shape of an unmistakable telegraph message, he dubiously remarked: "Well, it does seem to be so; but it is very strange: I know there *is* something the matter, that something serious has happened in Mr. Dodge's house in New York." And that impression he retained, until soon afterwards, he, too, ended his earthly life.

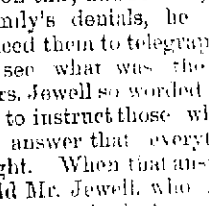
Do Not be Deceived.

In these times of quack medicine advertisements everywhere, it is truly gratifying to find one remedy that is worthy of praise, and which really does as recommended. Electric Bitters we can vouch for as being a true and reliable remedy, and one that will do as recommended. They invariably cure stomach and liver complaints, diseases of the kidneys and urinary difficulties. We know whereof we speak, and can readily say, give them a trial. Sold by Hubbard & Swearingen. 3

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A Railroad Man's Trouble Ends in Suicide.

LITCHFIELD, ILL., February 28.—Thomas Tucker, of Decatur, a brakeman on the Wabash, suicided at about 12 o'clock. He had been laid off by the company, and felt rather despondent over it, and was drinking heavily. During the day he purchased a 38-caliber revolver of a second-hand dealer, and started out to kill a man whom he had a grudge against, but could not find him. At about 20 o'clock he left the saloon and went down to the signal man's caboose, at the crossing of the Wabash and the Indianapolis and St. Louis. After lying on the bank a few minutes he fired a shot out of the window, and directly afterwards was heard to mutter: "Well, I'll try anyway," and shot again, the ball entering his brain and killing him instantly. Among other letters found on his person was one addressed to his parents, saying that he had meditated the deed for the past five years. He had been considered by his comrades as a little "off." His remains were taken to Decatur last evening.

The Federal Building at Dallas.

DALLAS, TEX., February 28.—A private telegram from Washington says that Secretary Folger has accepted the majority report of the commission appointed to select a location for the Dallas Federal building. The lot chosen is on the corner of Main and Ervay streets, where the majority of the people want it. William Jesse Grant has gone to Washington as an aspirant for Superintendent of Construction of the new Federal building.

Shaken by an Earthquake.

NORWICK, CONN., February 28.—This city was startled by an earthquake, shaking buildings to an alarming manner. It lasted from three to five seconds. It was accompanied by a deep rumbling. About the same time a brilliant meteor shot across the sky northeast to northwest, emitting a dazzling white light and flames, giving an apparent diameter of eight feet.

Honoring Longfellow.

STAUNTON, ILL., February 28.—The seventy-sixth anniversary of the veteran poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, was appropriately celebrated in the lecture-room of the public school-house at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Declamations, essays, songs and select readings from the celebrated poet were rendered in a highly entertaining manner by the pupils.

A Young Wife's Suicide.

ST. LOUIS, February 28.—Mrs. Annie Eisenschmidt, a childless wife, aged 32, committed suicide last night by taking paris green in the presence of her intoxicated husband at 1311 Broadway. The condition of Eisenschmidt was such that little or no information could be obtained concerning the tragedy.

Over an Embankment.

QUINCY, ILL., February 28.—A team of horses and heavy wagon owned and driven by Mr. Harter, on South Sixth street, went over an embankment hurting the horses, mashing the wagon, and seriously, if not fatally, injuring Mr. Harter. His right eye is gouged, and he has received other serious injuries.

Railway Legislation in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, MINN., February 28.—The time of the House was spent on the special order—the eleven railway bills—that have been introduced. After debate, lasting until a late hour, the entire number were indefinitely postponed. There are several bills in the Senate for the regulation of railways, but they stand no show of passage.

Filled His Head with Buckshot.

FORT SMITH, ARK., February 28.—M. Harwood, a merchant of Lavaca, fifteen miles from here, committed suicide Monday by discharging a load of buckshot into his head. The cause of the deed is not known here. He was a young man of good business habits and highly respected in the community.

Wheat Crop Prospects.

MACON, ILL., February 28.—Your correspondent has returned from a trip through Moultrie, Douglass, Coles and Edgar counties. Judging from what he saw and learned by talking with farmers, he is confident that the yield of wheat will be above the average.

NEWS NOTES.

Martin Schlobes, merchant tailor of Boonville, Missouri, on Monday made an assignment. His assets are about $1,500; liabilities, about $9,500.

The mills of the St. Joe Lead Works at Bonne Terre, Mo., were destroyed Sunday morning. The total loss will foot up a quarter of a million dollars.

It is said that the French authorities, desire to assist the English police who have gone to France to trace persons implicated in the Phœnix Park murders.

Doc. Anderson, George Moss and Henry Glass are in jail at Poplar Bluffs, Missouri, awaiting trial for the murder and robbery of a young man named Yeager, at Gillis Bluff, several years ago.

Two more attempts to set fire to the Missouri Penitentiary in Jefferson City were made on Sunday. They were both discovered before any harm was done.

On account of the financial difficulties of the Augustinian fathers, of Lawrence, Mass., their parochial school has been closed, thus putting 1,200 children in the public schools.

Caroline Bernheimer, a widow, fell through a sky-light directlecly upon a rapidly running rip-saw in Blair's Packing Box Factory, in New York City on Monday, and was immediately cut in twain.

Baron Nordenskjold, the Swedish explorer, notified the Dutch Minister at Stockholm, on Monday, that he intends to claim the reward of 25,000 guilders offered by Holland in 1596 for the discovery of the Northeast Passage.

In Troy, N. Y., on Monday, Mary Daniels, claimant, $500,000 from the Central Hudson Railroad for injuries received in the Spuyten Duyvil disaster, settled for $20,000, the largest sum ever paid by that company for personal injuries.

A society to destroy the rights of property and to exterminate bourgeoisie has been discovered in Spain. They number 1,000 members, and include persons of social standing. The Government is resolved to suppress the society. They have already arrested 500 members.

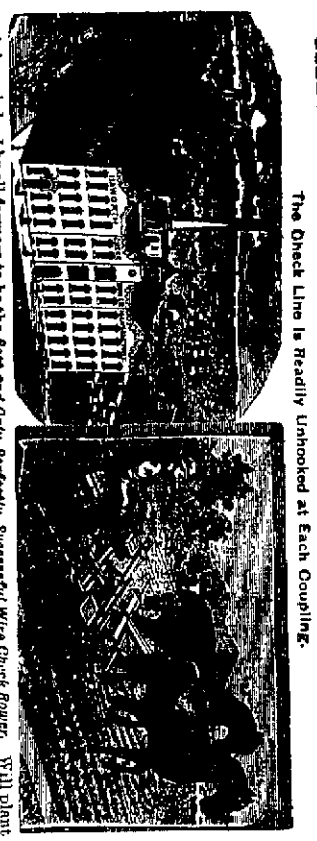
E. J. Torrey, a Chesterfield county, S. C., farmer, being anxious to get rid of his wife, to whom he had been married less than a year, poisoned her with a dose of "Rough on Rats." The crime was discovered on Monday by his neighbors, but the murderer had fled.

Gilbert L. Criswell, of New York, has just ruined himself and three female relatives who trusted their joint fortunes, amounting to $750,000, to his care, by investigating too heavily into worthless silver mines in Utah. The names of the ladies are Miss Cornelia A. Atwell, Mrs. Catherine C. Tallman, and Miss Catherine Tallman, the last mentioned of whom is well known as a benevolent lady who has given over $100,000 in charity.

In a special message sent to the Massachusetts Legislature on Monday afternoon Gov. Butler expresses his determination that the bill to incorporate the Union Safe Deposits vaults Company of Boston shall not become a law if he can prevent it, because while the bill forbids the company created by it to do a loan and trust business, it enables it, if it chooses to do so, to carry on every kind of mechanical, mining and manufacturing business, printing and publishing books, making and selling gas and maintaining hotels. This is vicious legislation.

HAWORTH'S WIRE CHECK ROWER.

The Check Line is Readily Unhooked at Each Coupling.



Acknowledged by all farmers to be the *Best and Only Perfectly Successful Wire Check Rower.* Will plant five acres more a day than any other, as the wire is not removed from the machine in planting the entire field. Fourteen years' use has demonstrated the fact that the only successful way to use a rope or wire line is for the machine to transfer it into position to plant the next row. Do not buy a Wire Check Rower unless the line crosses the machine, as it does not cause any side draft, and will last twice as long as a wire run on one side, which must be dragged into position regardless of obstructions met as the planter moves across the field, and which causes side draft, inaccurate checking and breaking of the wire. In our Check Rower the elasticity of the wire, such as occurs in Check Rowers where the line is dragged across the field, and which causes side draft, inaccurate checking and breaking of the wire. In our Check Rower the elasticity of the wire, such as occurs in Check Rowers where the line is dragged over the machine, prevents a partial or complete displacement in the wire, such as occurs in Check Rowers where the line is dragged into the pulley at an angle and high tension and both bent and displaced as it enters the pulley. Dragging the line into position also causes cutting or loppings of the planter, by which one row is planted too deep and the other too shallow. For full description of our Wire Check Rower, write for a circular.

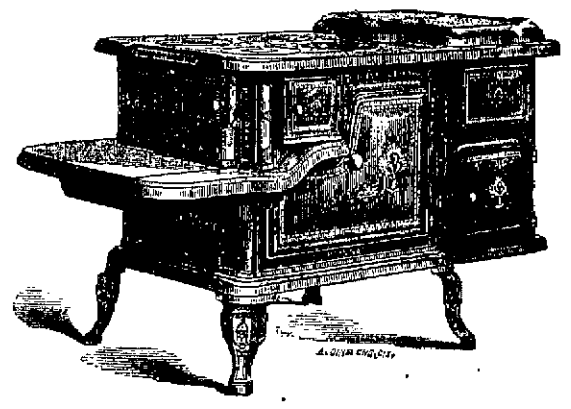
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The Weekly Republican.

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BEN BUTLER for President, is the latest "new party" rumor. And how will that suit the Democrats?

THE New Jersey house of representatives has summarily disposed of all temperance and prohibition bills before it by killing every one of them.

THE tariff bill which has passed the senate will not be very likely to get through the house, and all hopes of the passage of any revenue bill by the present congress may as well be abandoned.

IN the language of the New York *Sun*, Bill Morrison, of this state, "has been bitten by the presidential tarantula, and is squirming." "Presidential tarantula" is good and appropriate. The victims of that poisonous species of political vermin seldom recover.

BEATING a newsboy out of a paper is no small offense, as that Chicago drummer found to his sorrow at Vandalia yesterday. The name of this petty thief is given as Bruce—christian name not mentioned—probably he has none. But pass him around, anyhow.

CRAFT, one of the murderers of the Gibbons family at Ashland, Ky., on trial at Grayson, has been found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. Neal his criminal associate, is yet to be tried. These trials create great exitement in that region, and a guard of military is necessary to protect the murderers from violence.

IN the matter of playing at the game of filibustering the Democrats of the Illinois house of representatives are a success. And for every day wasted in this way the tax-payers of the state have to go down in their pockets and draw out about $2,000 of their hard-earned money.

A CLINTON press dispatch of yesterday has the following, which will be read with interest by the many friends of Col. Snell in this city:

Thomas Snell, a millionaire and railroad contractor of this city, and well known in Illinois, left for Washington, D. C., this evening, where, it is rumored, he will be married to a wealthy southern lady, and then he will return home with Judge Davis and his new wife after congress adjourns.

ONE L. W. Brown was tried in the Sangamon circuit court yesterday, on a charge of horse-stealing, and upon conviction was sentenced to the state prison for two years and seven months. The noticeable feature about the case was the fact that Brown stole the horse from his father, and his father without hesitation became his prosecutor.

THE failure of the wholesale grocery house of W. T. Allen & Co., Chicago, was caused, as is now alleged by Mr. Allen, by the peculations of some one connected with the house. In the words of Mr. A., "our profits were stolen from us, that was all." The name of the thief is not mentioned. In this firm Gen. Erastus N. Bates, for four years state treasurer of Illinois, was a partner, and his many friends will regret to learn of his misfortune.

MR. G. B. PRAY, clerk of the Iowa supreme court, has received an order from Chief Justice Day to place the petition for rehearing the prohibitory amendment case on file and docket it for the Council Bluffs term in March. This is on the application of Attorney General McPherson, who was admitted to argue the case last month on request of Governor Sherman and by the consent of the attorneys. Further steps in the case will be awaited with great interest by the Iowa people.

AT the senate caucus it was informally agreed that David Davis should resign as president pro tem. of the senate in order to allow a Republican to be chosen in his place, before the final adjournment. It is understood that Judge Davis consents to this arrangement, and that the Democrats will not object. This action is necessary in order to provide for the presidential succession in case of Mr. Arthur's death. Senator Edmunds is talked of as a proper person for the position.

The following is Phocion Howard's bill for a new road law, now pending in the Illinois senate:

A Bill for an act to encourage the construction of permanent state roads:

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of encouraging the construction of permanent rock, gravel or macadam roads in this state, and for the purpose of reimbursing the several counties in the state in such sums as have been levied in excess of taxation and now remain to the credit of the revenue fund, there be appropriated out of the general revenue fund, and apportioned among the several counties of this state, a sum equal to the amount gross levied by said county or other authorities during the year 1883, and every year thereafter for road and bridge purposes.

SEC. 2 That it shall be the duty of the auditor of state to annually, before the first day of July, make such pro rata credit to all such counties as avail themselves of the provisions of this act, and upon the completion of such pro rata allotment his warrant upon the state treasurer shall stand to the credit of such county, to be paid when called for.

SEC. 3. That the provisions of this act shall apply only to such county authorities as begin and carry on the construction of permanent roads by responsible contract, and under the direction of competent civil engineers.

THE House, near the close of the last session, appointed a committee to go on a junketing tour to "investigate" the improvements in the navigation of the Mississippi. Now the Senate follows suit. A resolution was adopted yesterday providing for this pleasure trip at the national expense. While the Senate is about it, why doesn't it provide for an excursion down the river of the Senate in a body, or even of the whole Congress, with the President and Cabinet thrown in? Something might be gained through an investigation by a committee of the whole. Detraction would at least be silenced.

THE Chicago *Times* thus tells the plain truth about its Democratic friends in congress:

When the Democrats in congress pretend that they have not been trying to obstruct tariff legislation, they pretend falsely. No intelligent person who has attentively followed the reports of proceedings can have failed to see unmistable evidences of a settled purpose, not even skillfully concealed, on the Democratic side of both houses, to prevent any action by the present congress.

In a recent interview with a newspaper reporter, Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of Pittsburgh, who is one of the leading iron-masters in this country said:

The difficulties which the iron and steel business is encountering just now are due to overproduction, high cost of manufacture, sudden and general cessation of the demand for steel rails, an over-stocked market in iron, and, as a consequence of all this, prices are lower than the cost of production. Add the uncertainty as to tariff legislation, and the recent failures are not surprising.

The Complexion of the Senate.

Boston Herald.

The composition of the next Senate is getting narrowed down to a fine point. Michigan is the only state that has failed to elect, and the break up of Senator Ferry's forces through failure to form a fusion, followed by his financial disaster, will undoubtedly result in the speedy election of some other Republican when the Legislature re assembles after its brief recess. There appears to be a little uncertainty as to the position of Mr. Sabin, Senator Windom's successor. He is a Republican, but was elected by Democratic votes, and is said to have pledged himself to "independent" action. If he should take up the role laid down by David Davis, the Senate would stand 37 Republicans, 36 Democrats, 2 Readjusters and 1 Independent. Considering the anti-monopoly complications in New Jersey, the Republicans appear to have come out of the contest in very good shape. The Omaha *Republican* says of General Manderson, whose character and abilities are highly spoken of on all sides, that "the railroad question, so far as it affects active politics, may be considered shelved by the election of a man who has never been a favorite of the corporations on the one hand, or the tool of the demagogues on the other, but who has a large ability to discern the right and an unaltering readiness to embrace it."

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Feb. 15—d&w2mo*

General Sherman's Early Days.

New York Tribune.

I was talking to General Sherman last week about his early days in Lancaster, O. He said that his mother had only $200 income when her husband died, and eleven children on her hands, and that Thomas Ewing, Sr., having experienced some kindness from Sherman's father—"though," said General Sherman, "my father did not begin to have the ability of Ewing"—the latter told Mrs. Sherman he wanted to bring up one of the boys as his own. She was loath to lose any of them, but Ewing insisted, and thought of taking two others, respectively. "But," said the General, with a grunt of laughter, "they said I was the smartest, and he must take me."

THE Champaign *Times* tells of a case of prayer for temporal benefit being answered. Last fall the Champaign sugar company was making every effort to get their cane in shelter before a frost, the danger of which seemed imminent. Father Reed, a very devout man, happened along and in a conversation with the manager, agreed to send a petition heavenward to have the frost postponed for a few days, the manager agreeing to give him some sugar in case the frost dispenser heard the appeal. Though it got very cold and damp the frost held off, and last week the company presented Father Reed with a hundred pounds of their finest sugar. This story is probably true, but isn't exactly orthodox. Should the practice come into general use it would only increase the power of monopolies—for the ordinary man alone could not stand eight or ten dollars per frost. Praying for "sugar" certainly ought not to be encouraged.

THE golden wedding of John Hoffman and wife was celebrated Tuesday at Mendota. One thousand guests were present and forty-eight members of the family gathered about the venerable couple to witness the second marriage. Judge T. Lyle Dickey and John Wentworth were in attendance from Chicago, and Judge Caton sent an original poem. Fifty guns were fired during the day. The presents were almost numberless. The citizens of Mendota gave life sized portraits of the aged couple

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At the Palace Hotel, in this city, on Thursday, Feb 22, 1883, by T. B. Allert, J. P., Mr. WILLIE J. BEACH and Miss ELLA L. DAVIS, both of Macon, Ill.

At the residence of John Good, Feb. 20, 1883, by 'Squire C. H. Garver, Mr DAVID A. GEPFORD and Miss JOSEPHINE STICKLER, both of this county.

On Tuesday, Feb 20, 1883, at 1 p m, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dinger, near Oreana, by A. Zerger, J P, Mr. DANIEL MATHIAS and Miss MARY L. DINGER.

About twenty-five relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. A magnificent dinner, prepared by the mother of the bride, was spread and enjoyed by the wedded couple and guests. The following were among the presents received.

Parlor lamp, set of spoons, set of knives and forks, set of dishes and set of goblets, by mother of bride; sewing machine, by father of bride; syrup pitcher, Geo. Dinger; preserve dish, Mrs. Lydia Dinger; butter dish, Mrs. Dorothy Dinger; shaving cup, Samuel Dinger; set of glass ware, four pieces, Miss Emma Miller; butter dish, Mrs. M. Brown; fruit dish, Mrs. Elizabeth Mathias; preserve dish, John Rambo; cake stand, Amos Mathias; pair of towels, Mr. and Mrs. O. Reeme; glass pitcher, Miss Alice Mathias; set of dessert dishes, Wm. Miller, fruit dish, Henry Miller; pickle dish, Frank Mathias; lamp and mat, Mrs. Fannie Zerger; pickle dish, Henry Dinger; dress pattern and salt box, Wm. Dinger; photograph album, George Harrouff of McPherson, Kan.; pickle dish, J. L. Miller; butter dish, D. Miller.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua G. Purdew, in Wheatland township, on Feb. 22, 1883, at 6 p m, by Rev. W. L. Bankson, Mr. WILLIAM H. COX and Miss ELMIRA A. PURDEW, both of Elwin, Illinois.

The wedding was attended by about fifty relatives and friends of the families. A splendid old-fashioned repast was served. The bride was becomingly attired in a beautiful electric blue silk dress, trimmed with lace. The ornaments were fresh rose buds. The infair was held on Friday, at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Cox, who reside on the Leiby farm. It was very largely attended. The gifts to the couple embraced the following articles: Silver caster, J. S. Woods and wife; silver sugar bowl, Misses Linna and Tillie Davidson; crystal fruit dish, L. W. Widick and wife; glass tea set, Aunt Cal Nicholson; glass honey dish, Laura Ridgeway; wire hair brush, Theron Perdue; autograph album, Gertie Perdue; set goblets, T. H. Hill and wife; set plates, D. K. Pound and wife; pair linen towels, L. M. Perdue and wife; glass cake stand, Ida Cox; set napkins and set individual sets, A. K. Widick and wife; pair linen towels, Grandma Cale; set silver teaspoons, G. W. Cale; cedar water bucket, Mrs. Jennie Cale; bedspread, Mather Cox; berry dish and sugar spoon, J. A. Bell and wife.

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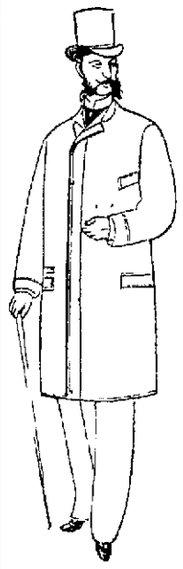
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LINCOLN READS A POEM.

Honest Old Abe Entertains His Cabinet with a Little Quotation.

"Now, gentlemen, you all have more or less poetry in your souls; listen to this," and Abraham Lincoln, then President, rose from his chair, in his office in the White House, and read, in trembling tones, which indicated his own profound appreciation of it, Dr. O. W. Holmes' "Last Leaf," of which the following are two verses:

"They say that in his prime,
Ere the pruning knife of time
Cut him down;
Not a better man was found
By the crier in his round
Through the town.

Now the mossy marbles rest
On the lips that he had pressed
In their bloom;
And the names he loved to hear
Have been carved for many a year
On the tomb."

Mr. Michael Guilfoyle, of Binghamton, N. Y., is not as old as the venerable Boston citizen of whom the poet wrote with such tender pathos, yet he is more than three score and ten. "For the past eight of those years," he writes, "I have been a perfect cripple from rheumatism, hobbling about as best I could with my cane. I took PARKER'S GINGER TONIC *and am now supple and strong as a gymnast. There is no trace of the disease left about me.*"

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THE liquor question, which is always with us, is drifting toward a novel solution in many parts of the West. In Iowa, Illinois and other states, the experiment of very high licenses undergoes a moderately successful trial, the result being that the liquor dealers who have obeyed the law are interested in exposing those rivals and competitors who have failed to pay the license fee of $500, more or less. But a high-license system, strictly enforced will not prevent many enormities, the true remedy for which lies in public opinion, in an improved state of the people, and in the elevation of social character. And there, after all, is the heart of the problem,—reform your people, and their manners will take care of themselves. Reform from without and by police regulations or constitutional amendments is not the final remedy, but only one step in the right direction.—*Boston Advertiser.*

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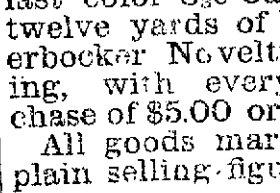
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A Good Little Boy.

Chicago Tribune.

Charles was a little boy who loved his mother dearly, and whenever she told him anything he was very careful to obey.

One day in the spring, when the birds were singing and the buds on the apple trees were almost ready to burst into beautiful white blossoms, Charles asked his mother for ten cents to buy marbles, for the ground was getting dry, and other boys were beginning to enjoy their favorite sport. "You can have the money, my son," said the mother, "but you must promise me not to play for keeps, and every night that you can come home and tell me truthfully that you have not disobeyed your mamma, I will give you a large red apple." And then she kissed him fondly, and he went gladly away to school.

But before Charley went very far he met Thomas Tough, who was a bad boy. Charles told Thomas about his ten cents that his mother had given him to buy marbles with, and also told him not to play for keeps until he was willing to go without the red apple.

When Thomas heard this he said: "Give me the marbles that you are going to buy, and I will play with them for keeps and after school is out we will divide what I have won, for I am a superior player. Then you can truthfully tell your mother that you have not been playing for keeps, and will receive the red apple."

So Charles gave his marbles to Thomas, and after school was out asked him how many marbles he had won.

"I did not win," replied Thomas; "I struck a hard crowd, and lost."

Then Charles was sad, for he was a pretty tight-fisted little boy, and began to cry. But presently he said to Thomas: "You are a naughty boy and I hate you very much."

And then Thomas hit Charles in the nose, and threw him down in the dirt, making his pants look very bad indeed.

So when Charles reached home he told his papa all about his troubles. When he had finished, his papa said to him: "You don't know as much as Thompson's colt, and I am beginning to take a crack at you myself."

Then he gave Charles a good licking, and sent him to bed without any supper. And when Charles had lain on his stomach for a while, because he felt more comfortable that way, he said to himself: "No more blind pools for me." Do you not think he had a great head, children? I do.

Value of Fiction for Rest and Recreation.

Minneapolis Tribune.

The human mind, and especially the tired human mind, craves fiction, the outgrowth of one vigorous imagination exciting in another the same feelings of pathos or pleasure. Novel writing can be and is perverted to bad ends; but eschewing all forms of sensational literature which must excite the baser passions and hold up unreal views of life, we have no hesitancy in stating our belief that, to the tired brain worker, a good novel is a boon.

Take, for example, a man who is harassed and worried with business affairs. He knows that out of business hours he needs a perfect rest; that in order to cope with difficulties successfully, he needs the clear head which is secured only by keeping his mind from brooding on business cares when he wants to rest. But the mind which has been bent steadily to one subject for weary hours will not obey his will. In spite of himself, it continually reverts to the business of the day and his slumber also will be nerveless, unless something can be done. Here is an instance where the only possible rest is to be found in a change. Let him take up some light and lively reading which will gradually woo him away from his absorbing cares, and which will rest him by calling into pleasurable action an entirely different set of mental faculties—imagination, mirthfulness, etc.—and by allowing the old set, which has been overworked during the day, to enjoy complete and unconscious rest. Let him follow the absorbing career of David Copperfield, or a similar story, and if he doesn't forget self and his worrying cares, he is too far gone to be benefited by any prescription.

This, too, is a good way to help the invalid forget his pain, a good way for the tired, fagged-out mother to get a little mental refreshment and inspiration. Of course all good things are in danger of being carried too far. One would do very wrong to make it the principle business of life to read novels. Novel reading, as a rule, should be indulged in only by way of rest and recreation from the hard work of life, and especially from hard mental work.

Aluminium, the "Clay Metal."

Boston Journal of Chemistry.

It is probable that the great majority of our readers have never seen this metal, though small articles made of it are to be found in jewelers' shops in most of the large cities. It is nearly as white as silver, and susceptible of a high polish, but articles made of it are usually finished with a "dead" surface. It is malleable and ductile to a high degree. It does not oxidize, or "rust," at ordinary temperatures, and is not readily acted upon by sulphur or most of the acids. The best solvent for it is hydrochloric (muriatic) acid. Its most remarkable property, however, is its extreme lightness. Its specific gravity is only about 2.5, or about one-fourth that of silver. The only metals of less density are magnesium (specific gravity, 1.743) and sodium (which is a trifle lighter than water), with a few others, like potassium, lithium, rubidium, etc., which are little else than curiosities of the laboratory. It is emphatically the "light weight" among the metals which are, or promise to be, of industrial and commercial importance; and this fact, together with its beauty, lustre, unalterability in the air, non-poisonous nature, and ease of working, will insure it a high place among the useful metals as soon as it becomes reasonably cheap. It is clearly marked by nature for extended applications in the arts; and the problem for chemists and metallurgists is to find some ready and economical means of releasing it from its base imprisonment in common clay, and make it, as it was meant to be, a thing of beauty and utility in our everyday life. No doubt the time will come when people will wonder how the world got along without a metal which to them will be as familiar as silver or tin is to us.

Gems from Prof. David Swing.

An item from history is a leaf from a forest.—The history of the human race, aside from war and politics, is a history of sentiment. In a child it reaches after a rose; in manhood after marble, and purple, and jewels, and harp, and song.—Songs are as useful as plows; poems are as full of utility as are railways and the telegraph.—The carpenter turns into an architect when the beautiful of God's world has made the mind outgrow its wigwam or cabin. Thus the conclusion comes back to us that beauty is utility; it is usefulness in full bloom.—Nothing is more useful than the beautiful.—A sensibility awakened is like a river once started from the melting mountain snow.—A soul with no sense of the beautiful could not be good or great in any field known to man. Beauty is a high form of usefulness. There must be harmony between the character of God and the doctrine of His sanctuary. The beautiful is the useful, and in the finer, sweeter truth of to-day there is lying a mighty usefulness.

A Darwinism.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

The lower classes generally attribute that instinctive fear which children have of being left in the dark to the effects of original sin, and one evidence offered that monkeys are akin to human is in the fact that they seem to be terribly afraid of the dark. So when showmen have occasion to use them in an an evening performance, and wish to stop their chattering and noise, they place a lighted candle in their midst and they squat around it and wink and blink as quietly as though they were reflecting on the origin of light.

FROM A FAR COUNTRY.

A letter has been received by a professional friend in this city from Dr. G. S. Allison, (formerly of Mt. Zion) dated at Spokane Falls, Washington Territory, January 16th, from which we are permitted to make the following interesting extracts:

I have been some time in redeeming my promise to write, but I wanted to see something of the Far West before writing to you. As you will see I am not located in Portland, Oregon. Portland is a live city, and I should probably have been located there if the climate had agreed with Mrs. Allison. I remained there two weeks and went so far as to rent an office, but before I had completed my arrangements Mrs. Allison developed not hay asthma, for it was not the season of the year, but a genuine asthma; then I really wished myself back in Illinois. After considering the matter thoroughly we decided to go east of the Cascade Mountains to spend the summer, and if no better by fall go back—well, most anywhere, so it was out of Oregon. Just as soon as we got east of the Cascade Range the asthma left, and my wife's health has been improving ever since, until now she is more fleshy than she has been for four or five years, and in fact we are all enjoying splendid health.

The first day of July I arrived in Spokane Falls, which is located on the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, just on the edge of the wonderful wheat belt of Washington Territory, and the edge of the pine and fir and cedar forests of Washington and Idaho. The water power here is sufficient to run five hundred mills, and there can be no doubt but we will have a manufacturing town—*the* town of Eastern Washington. Our population is about 1200, half of it come in within the last year. We have two flouring mills here, one saw and shingle mill, foundry, and a sash and door factory to be built in the spring which will employ about one hundred men. The winter has not stopped building, as three storehouses have been begun within the last three weeks. Property has advanced in some parts of the town more than double since I came here, and is still going up. I bought two lots about two months after I arrived for a little over eight hundred dollars, and I could more than double that amount if I wished to sell. An eight thousand dollar public school building is to be erected next summer; the Methodists of Eastern Washington and Oregon have located their College here, and expect to build next summer; an Emigrant Bureau is to be established here, and an emigrant house built next summer to cost two or three thousand dollars. A few evenings ago at a meeting of the citizens over one thousand dollars was subscribed in a few minutes to erect the emigrant building. Our citizens are wide-awake, and have considerable public spirit.

I am becoming more favorably impressed with our growing city and the surrounding country all the time. I never saw finer vegetables grow anywhere than here. Wheat, oats, rye and barley yield enormous crops; apples, plums, prunes, cherries and all small fruits, grow to perfection.

As to the climate—up to Christmas it was very mild, but since then we have had very cold weather, several times below zero. Such a thing as a severe storm or blizzard is unknown, the summers are delightful, if all are like the last was.

This country, with its many advantages has also many disadvantages, and I often get homesick for Illinois; and if Mrs. Allison could have health I think I yet would cast my lot in Decatur. Business here is all done as California does. Vegetables and grain, apples and fruit are all sold by the pound. It is a rare thing if you see any other money except gold and silver; five, ten and twenty dollar gold pieces are all the change after you get above the silver dollar; no change is made less than a "bit." If you buy a paper and offer twenty-five cents (or two "bits") you get a "bit" back in change, which is only a ten cent piece. But I must say that money goes free in this country.

Present my regards to Clint Armstrong. I would like to trade some of our druggists out here for him.

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The Great Storm of March.

Vennor, the Canadian weather prophet, sends out the following:

"I recently gave my view of the probable dates of the March disturbances. After further consideration I am inclined to place the great storm of the month in the last week, and on the 27th or 30th. This will be of unusual severity, and will be continent wide. Gales will on the same day or dates, probably be experienced on the English coast. On the 27th disturbance will take place over New Foundland in heavy snow storms, causing general blockades on railroads. The general accuracy of our forecasts this year renders me to be considerably confident respecting the March disturbances, but I intend to go into further detail in my March weather bulletin, now in preparation.
"HENRY G. VENNOR."

WHEN the late George Washington Greene wrote his "Short History of Rhode Island" he wrote for it the following touching dedication: "To Anna Maria Greene. My dear Mother, you bear your 93 years so lightly that I invite your attention to a new volume of mine with as much assurance of your sympathy as when I crowed and wondered over my first picture-book, an infant on your knee, for your sympathy is as quick and as warm as it was then, and your memory goes back with unerring certainty to the men and the scenes of almost a century ago. Your eyes have looked upon Washington, and your tenacious memory can still recall the outline of his majestic form. The first time that I ventured to send forth a volume to the world I set upon the dedication page the name of my father. He has been dead many years. You still linger behind, and long may you linger. Long may those fresh memories which give such a charm to your daily life continue to cheer you, and instruct those who have the privilege of living with you. They have seen life imperfectly who have not seen what a charm it wears when the heart that has beat so long still lends its genial warmth to the still inquiring mind. Reverentially and affectionately your son."

THIS year has set in to be a remarkable one in deaths as well as catastrophes. Since New Year's many people of distinction have passed away, among whom are ex-Senator Morrill, of Maine; ex Governors Marshal Jewell of Connecticut, Morgan of New York, Davis of Texas, and William E. Smith, of Wisconsin; Charles R. Thorne, jr., the actor; William E. Dodge, the christian philanthropist; Clark Mills, the sculptor, and Dr. George M. Beard, the famous neurologist. Abroad, France was called to mourn the death of Leon Gambetta, the only greatest Frenchman of modern times, and then Gustave Dore, the artist, and Wagner, the composer.

WHY not two-cent postage? Forty years ago it cost six cents to send a letter from New York to Brooklyn; ten cents to send it to Newburg; twelve and a half to Catskill; eighteen and three-fourths to Saratoga; twenty-five to Cincinnati. A bold step taken by Congress, in 1851, declared that a single letter should be carried anywhere in the country within three thousand miles for three cents. There had been one intermediate step, half a dozen years before, reducing postage to five cents for a distance of 300 miles or less, and to ten cents above that distance. The cry for two cent postage is now universal, and Congress has listened to it; but the change from the three cents to two is not so great as former changes, and within five years from this time there will probably be a general demand for one cent postage.—*New York Sun.*

A Vexed Clergyman.

Even the patience of Job would become exhausted were he a preacher and endeavoring to interest his audience while they were keeping up an incessant coughing, making it impossible for him to be heard. Yet how very easy can all this be avoided by simply using Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Trial bottles given away at Hubbard & Swearingen's Drug Store. d&w 2

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Prediction that the Worst is Yet to Come at Helena, Arkansas.

The River Falling at Cairo.

CAIRO, ILL., Feb. 28.—At last the fall of the waters has begun, and a decline of a quarter of an inch up to 6 p. m., may be recorded, the gauge reading 52 feet, 1¾ inches, with every prospect of a very rapid decline for some time to come. 1883 has the honor of presenting Cairo with the highest water mark in her history, which may be set down as appearing at noon on Monday, February 26—52 feet 2 inches. A thorough tour of the levees yesterday developed nothing additional to that already reported. The Mississippi side shows the water still 15 inches below the comb of the embankment, which is in fine condition. The Ohio side is protected by bulkheads at points where they are needed, and is in such a condition as not to cause any uneasiness. Cairo may well be proud of her record during this great freshet, and, with the improvements inaugurated by the Illinois Central people in rising their track on the Ohio side, future floods must assume larger proportions than that now at hand to create even the excitement we have just passed through. The mercury got down to freezing point before last night, and a heavy coating of ice covered the many pools of water yesterday morning. Mound City has made good use of sawlogs in preventing washes of her levee from high winds, while the scarcity of sipe water in the city is especially noticeable. Notwithstanding that the levees are closely watched, the fear of their rupture has entirely subsided, and the people of the 'gritty little town are once more sleeping soundly.

The Trouble at Helena.

HELENA, Ark., February 28.—Mr. Wise, of Jonestown, Miss., is in the city and gives an account of the overflow upon the other side of the great river, which he says at this time extends as far as Magnolia District, from Helena seven miles, though there is no serious damage as yet. Every steamer that passes up from Vicksburg or New Orleans is crowded with passengers flying from the overflow. Many of these are laborers, who have been at work on the levees under both Government and private arrangements.

The Belle Memphis which has been running for some time between Arkansas City and Vicksburg, passed up yesterday with a large number of these unfortunates on board. The Belle was compelled to give up her trade on account of the overflow, which is not only already over much of the country, but becoming higher and higher, and worse and worse in its effects. Many were refused passage on account of lack of room. Everything on the levee works is being abandoned, and perhaps immense loss will occur under that head. The levee laborers are very much disgusted with the situation, and no doubt it will be difficult to procure hands from above in that interest even when the river has gone within its banks. Work on a new levee in front of the city is being pushed forward rapidly, and many boats are being made in anticipation of the mightiest water ever known.

A Predicted Deluge.

HELENA, Ark., February 28.—Col G. B. Miles, United States Observer, one of the best-informed men of the Mississippi, furnishes your correspondent the following:

"The river here rose 1¾ inches during the twenty-four hours ending at 1 p. m. yesterday, and stood 43 feet 6 inches above low water, and will probably commence rising more rapidly during the next twenty-four hours. Some think there will not be much damage below as last year. I think people in the bottoms will think last year a light shower by the side of the present flood. The river has been up to and above the highest point at Cairo last year for the past six days, and will probably not fall over 4 inches during the next two days, consequently the water will be as high as last year for eight days at that point. Last year it only stood one day and then commenced falling."

Stationary at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, TENN., February 28.—The river has been stationary here since Monday night, when it marked 35 feet 6 inches on the gauge. The indications now are that there will be nothing like the general destruction that was so universal last spring throughout the valley. The hope of the levees being able to serve as a barrier to the waters has now become almost a certainty, although the worst has not yet been passed by those residing to the south of here. This week will surely tell the tale. Nothing additional has been heard from the inhabitants of the sunk lands, save that the backwater is still rising rapidly and causing loss of stock by drowning. Steamers find it difficult to make many landings, and have to use every precaution in running by those places where the levees are weak, as the waves have a tendency to wash away the loose dirt.

Ninety Miles Along the Ohio.

EVANSVILLE, IND., February 28.—A correspondent arrived here last evening on the steamboat John H. Hopkins from Caseyville, Ky., a distance of ninety miles down the Ohio, and has thus been afforded an excellent view of the river from that point to Evansville. It is a raging flood, with an average width of five miles for the whole distance, and up to Diamond Island there is as yet no evidence that the stream is falling. The scene is an uninterrupted monotony of watery ruin, relieved only by the tops of trees, floating debris, the top of a house here and there still fighting the mighty current, or the remnants of some small village, partly swept away and abandoned. From Caseyville to Evansville there are only five points where a boat can land, and at these the landing places are dangerous and uncertain.

Floating Ice.

HANNIBAL, MO., February 28.—The ice gorge between this city and Quincy commenced going out about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and is still running. Some of the ice is very heavy, but the most of it is mushy and easily broken. Some of the fields that passed the city were very large and contained many acres. It is supposed that the entire gorge is broken as far as Quincy. The bridge piers have stood the ice without any apparent effect being produced upon them. The ferry boat, which has been running regularly for some time past, was compelled to lay up on account of the ice.

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PROCEEDINGS IN PRIVATE LIFE.

Those Who Have Sought the Good of Mortals.

A Record of the Day, Social and Political as Well as Criminal.

Rumors About the Wabash.

ST. LOUIS, February 28.—There is considerable talk of trouble at the next annual meeting of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific company. It has been reported that a large deficit has been shown, and that, in all probability a receiver will be appointed. A reporter of the Globe-Democrat talked with several officials of the company yesterday, and they were of the opinion that while all the roads had suffered greatly by overflows, sleet storms, and other damages, the Wabash was no worse off than the best of them. The idea of trouble at the annual meeting was not credited in any particular, and it was claimed the company would be able to tide over. As to the pay car not going its rounds, that was too absurd. The pay car was as near on time as any road of 3,500 miles, and that was within ten or twelve days of time.

Vaile

EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON.

INDEPENDENCE, MO., February 27.—P. M. Vaile, of star-route notoriety, left last evening at 7 o'clock on his return to Washington City, where he goes to resume his trial, having come home several days since to arrange his wife's funeral. It is understood from a message received here this afternoon from Kansas City that the New York and other Eastern papers have published a report of Vaile having jumped his bond and disappeared. His friends here indignantly deny it, and say he will be in Washington as soon as he can reach there. It has also been reported that he was accompanied from Washington by a strong guard. This report is also false, as he was alone, and returns alone. He will probably reach Washington Thursday night or Friday morning.

Shot on Sight.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., February 28.—At Seguin Monday night George Neill, barkeeper, shot and instantly killed W. R. Collins. Neill and Collins had an old grudge. They met during the day and were prevented from fighting by friends. After dark, Collins saw Neill coming out of the saloon with a revolver. Friends seized him, but he eluded their grasp and opened fire, killing Collins the first shot. Neill is a nephew of Gen. Andrew Neill, the Texas veteran, and Collins is the son-in-law of a prominent physician, J. W. Fennell. The act is considered justifiable, as Collins was hunting Neill with a revolver. Collins originally came from Georgia, where he is said to have killed three men. He was considered a dangerous character.

Fatal Sporting at Columbia.

ST. LOUIS, February 28.—At a late hour last night the following telegram, timed 10:30, was received in this city:

COLUMBIA, MO., February 27.—Chief of Police, St. Louis: Notify immediately Peter P. Daily that his brother Edward was shot and killed here about an hour ago.

H. N. COOK.

The deceased was a farmer, and was 48 years of age. He was born in New York State and was a brother of Peter P. Daily, of the City Collector's office. Mr. Daily stated this morning that he knew nothing, except what was contained in the above telegram. He referred indirectly to a suit that a lady had brought against his brother, but could give no particulars.

Hunting the Escaped Convicts.

HELENA, ARK., February 28.—Hickman the convict who disarmed the guard last Saturday at the Williamson place and who has since been acting as guide to the escaped convicts, was killed at Langville bridge on the Crowley's Ridge branch of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroad, yesterday. His comrade escaped. The refugees stole three mules and a horse Monday night from planters residing in the neighborhood of La Grange, a village 18 miles northwest of this city. They have separated and are travelling in squads of two or three since, some of them have been seen near the mouth of the St. Francis river. The murderer of Gant is still at large.

Governor Butler on the floor of the House.

WASHINGTON, D. D., February 28.—Governor Ben Butler was on the floor of the House yesterday, and was surrounded by a complimentary crowd of admiring friends. The Governor came in on the Democratic side, and had quite a levee outside the rail, and was the observed of all observers from the galleries. He shortly afterward found his way into the Republican cloak-room and his bald head could be seen from the reporters' gallery encircled with an aureole of tobacco smoke, and where he remained for an hour.

Attempted Suicide.

VANDALIA, ILL., February 28.—An unsuccessful attempt at suicide was made Monday night by Miss Annie Parsons of this city. She swallowed a dose of laudanum, but the timely aid of a physician prevented the deadly drug from taking effect. While she would be suicide was in the act of taking the poison she was heard to remark, "Here it goes, and if this fails to do the work I will try it again." Disappointment in love is said to be the cause.

Perished in a Burning Building.

HEBRON, UTAH, February 28.—Yesterday morning about 5 o'clock the house in which Mrs. Prudence M. Pulsifer lived alone was discovered to be on fire. The flames were issuing from every aperture before help could be rendered. The building was completely destroyed, and Mrs. Pulsifer perished in the flames. She was a widow 70 years old. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict that the fire was accidental, starting from within.

Charged With Embezzlement.

CAIRO, ILL., February 28.—The Circuit Court here is engaged in the case of the Texas Narrow-gauge against David A. Weaver, formerly chief clerk in their local office here, and who was indicted for the embezzlement of $1,300 belonging to the road, by the last Grand Jury. He has the best legal talent to be had in his defense, including a prominent criminal lawyer from Ohio, who arrived a few days ago. The evidence as far as developed does not point very strongly toward a conviction.

Suit Against Obey Owens' Bondsmen.

ST. LOUIS, February 28.—The Third National bank instituted two suits in the Circuit Court yesterday against Obediah Owen, late receiving teller of the bank, and Edward Harrison and Isaac G. Baker, his sureties. The petition recites the appointment of Owen on two occasions as teller and his execution of a bond in $30,000 each time, with Harris and Baker as securities. The defalcation is reviewed at length and judgment to the extent of the bond and damages in addition asked.

Always on Time.

Mrs. K. Einstein is now receiving the first new styles for spring, consisting of all the novelties. Among them the Jersey Lily, Rival, Warnick, Daisy, Tulip, Fishwife, Poke, The Lily, and other styles too numerous to mention. Please call and see our new goods. No. 28 East Main street. Feb. 27-dtf

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—John W. Foster, of Indiana, who has been minister to Mexico and minister to Russia, was to-day nominated minister to Spain. Since his retirement from our diplomatic service Mr. Foster is understood to have been the attorney of the Mexican and Spanish governments in this city. The selection by President Arthur was without his knowledge or solicitation. He retired from the diplomatic service of his own will and against the desires of the department of state. He has extensive business engagements in connection with the affairs of the Mexican government. The president made a personal request that Mr. Foster should consent to go to Spain, if only for a year, or until some pending questions which are perplexing can be untangled and settled. It was really with much reluctance that Mr. Foster finally agreed to accept the mission.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 26.—The grand jury in the Newhall House case agreed this afternoon on a true bill against Schiller for arson, on three counts. Schiller's counsel insisted on an immediate arraignment. The prisoner was taken from jail almost unobserved. There were no signs of any disturbance. Schiller plead "Not guilty, Sir," in a firm tone. Bail was fixed at $10,000, which counsel claim will be secured to-morrow. The jury is still in session, considering the responsibility of the owners and managers of the hotel. It is believed an indictment for manslaughter will be returned against them.

Church Celebration.

Rev. J. P. Dimmitt spent Sunday at Danville, and conducted the exercises at the 14th anniversary of the organization of Kimber Chapel, of which Rev. W. H. Musgrove was pastor before his coming to Decatur. The Danville *News* devoted two columns space to an account of the historical meeting. Of Rev. Dimmitt's sermon the *News* said:

Rev. Dimmitt, of Decatur, began his discourse with a brief reminiscence of his labors and acquaintance with the organizers of Kimber. Kimber, a blacksmith, worked in his shop six days a week, and rode 15 miles to preach on Sunday. His meeting was held in a potter shop, where was converted the lady now most prominent in the work of the great Harrison revival. He spoke of the old school house, of the present Kimber, and of the new Kimber Church, and traced in all this prosperity and spirited growth the favor of God. * * * Faith is the secret of Harrison's marvelous work. He told the people of Decatur the first meeting that five hundred souls would be converted about that altar, and he prayed for that many that evening, assuming that they would come. People called him a crank, can't be that many converted in Decatur. But there were and nearly 1,000 more. He came, he said, to sound the key note of the glorious revival of the great outpouring they were to be blessed with when Brother Harrison should begin his revival next September in the new, beautiful, convenient and commodious Kimber Church they were now building.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office at Decatur, Macon County, Ill., for week ending Feb. 28, 1883.

Arnold H	McNeil, Mrs R J
Black Mrs Jennie	McGowen Thomas
Bell Miss Jennie	Nye C L
Buxendale Jno	Nobles Jack
Baker Mrs Sarah	Porter Mrs Jennie (2)
Collison Mrs Agnes	Perkins Leander
Cooper G J	Reed Mrs. Carrie
Clark John	Rauch Jim
Carter Miss Lavina	Robinson Mrs R A
Clark Prof Walter C	Seigel Charles
Carkner W M	Scherer Jacob
Dodson Jacob	Schoys John
Danelson Miss Nely	Scott Mrs S C
Ferry Miss Janie	Smith Adeha
Fisher Meirl	Struble Charley
Finch Mollie E	Struble Mrs Nellie
Griff A E	Sprinkley John
Goodwin Cass M	Schuider Miss Lulu
Greasser Joseph	Surrells Miss M A
Grub Miss Mary	Steward Miss Nettie
Hewitt Mrs	Thomas Miss Anna M D
Hand J S	Troutman Ezra
Hurst Mrs Lavina	Tighe Bernard
Johnson Miss Elizabeth	Tompeon J C
Johnson Frank S	Vandercook Wesley
Jackson Miss Laura	Wicks Mrs Abbie
Knox W D	Waller Mrs Harriet
Lough Francis	Welch Jack
Lorry W H	Williams Matt
Moreland Miss Kate C	Wilson Sylvester R
Morris James	White William (3)
McInrow Peter	Workman Mrs Sarah (2)
McDonald Miss Mary	Young J B
	Yeomen S M
Foreign—Tarpy John	

R. P. LYTLE, P. M.

The Prize Wagon.

Proud and happy will be the man who will win the Hamsher iron fellce farm wagon which will be given away at the J. R. Race & Co. donation drawing at the tabernacle, this afternoon. The prize wagon has been seen by thousands of people during the past 10 days, and it has only received words of commendation and praise. Mr. Hamsher, at his brick shops, on Wood street, is prepared to build iron felloe farm and spring wagons to order on short notice at low figures. Remember, he offers easy terms.

DASHING Annie Pixley, supported by George C. Boniface and an excellent company, will appear here on Thursday evening, March 8, in her new play, "Zera," or always popular "M'liss."

THE father of Mrs. S. H. Whitlock, wife of the Methodist minister at Macon, died yesterday. Dr. Davies, in response to a telegram, went to Macon last evening to conduct the funeral to-day.

THE story told by a Washington paper may not be true. As it runs, Senator Beck, of Kentucky, who came a poor boy to this country from Scotland, worked on the same farm in Livingston county, this state, that Secretary Teller worked upon. When they met in the Senate Mr. Beck said: "Well, Henry, when we used to drive old Brown's oxen we never expected to meet in the United States Senate." "No, Jim," said Mr. Teller, "we didn't know there was such a place."

THE following item of news comes by the way of Washington: "It is reported that ex-Congressman Lorenzo Brentano, who used to represent the Chicago North Side District, is about to become the Premier of a monarchy, turning his back upon the institutions of his adopted Republic. It is said that the King of Samoa, in the South Pacific Ocean, has made the tempting proposition, and desires to make Mr. Brentano a Prince and the Viceroy of his realm. He expects that the ex-Congressman shall reorganize the affairs of his barbaric islands, and form for him a civilized government. Whether Mr. Brentano will accept the high honor and abandon the attempt to compromise the old Chicago whisky-ring cases for a field of more lofty statesmanship, is not known."

THE Portland *Oregonian* tells of an expressman in that city who, one cold day recently, was seen stamping on the sidewalk in front of the Occidental hotel to keep himself warm, while his overcoat was spread over his horse. This man should have a medal from the Humane Society—or better, a blanket for his horse.

FARMERS' COLUMN.

SEED CORN.

I have for sale a lot of first-rate Seed Corn, (yellow) which will be disposed of to suit customers. Send in your orders early to my residence on the Emerson farm, 4½ east of Decatur. WM W. DANIELS.
March 1—w3mo

PUBLIC SALE.

I will sell at public sale at my farm 3½ miles southeast of Oreana, 3½ miles north of Oakley and 8½ miles south of Newburg, on THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1883, the following property. Five work horses, two milch cows, 1 two-year old heifer, 3 calves, 6 brood sows, 43 stock hogs averaging over 100 lbs., 1 farm wagon, 1 sulky plow, 2 walking plows, 3 cultivators, 1 field roller, 1 combined reaper and mower, two corn planters, one check-rower, 2 sets wagon harness, 2 heating stoves, 1 wardrobe, 1 sewing machine and other articles. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS.—A credit of 9 months will be given on all sums over $5, the purchaser giving note with approved security; $5 and under, cash. Hogs, cash. WM. V. BETZER.
March 1, 1883—w1t

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THE "SLOAN" FARM,

in Hickory township, 4½ miles from city limits, 3½ miles southeast from Forsyth Station, 240 acres rich rolling land; good house, barn, corn cribs, hay or cattle shed, sheep fold, pig pens, etc.; good orchard, running water on each of three eighties, 160 acres plow land, 40 acres meadow, balance in pasture; barn, feed lots, etc. For terms apply to MR. LOWBER BURROWS, or on the premises. feb18wtf

FARM FOR SALE.

Two miles from Kinmundy, Marion county, Ill., containing 67½ acres—60 acres prairie and balance timber; one-story house, good orchard, well and barn. Will sell cheap for cash. Address F. V. EARLY,
Feb. 8-wtf Kinmundy, Ill.

FARMERS and others desiring a genteel, lucrative business, by which $5 to $20 a day can be earned, send address at once, on postal, to R. C. WILKINSON & CO., 195 and 197 Fulton Fulton Street, New York. dec2lwlmo

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I have forty good Farms of 80, 120, 140, 160, 320, up to 640 acres each, in Iroquois and Kankakee counties, some adjoining the towns of Chebanse, Otto and Waldron, others are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 miles from Chebanse, Clifton, Otto, Waldrom, Herscher, Cabery and Irwin, in Iroquois and Kankakee counties, Illinois. Prices range from $30 to $50 per acre, according to location and improvements. Terms—One-third cash down or thereabouts; balance on long time, if desired, at seven per cent. annual interest. Buy your Farms near good markets, schools and churches, in preference to going West. $40 per acre buys a choice Farm.

LEMUEL MILK,
Oct. 19—w6no CHEBANSE, ILL.

Farm Wanted.

WANTED, by a man of experience, a farm of from one to two hundred acres to work on shares, owner to furnish all necessary horse feed and tools—a man that is willing to do justice by an honest, industrious man. Please answer as soon as possible. Good references.
Direct to box 231, Blue Mound, Ill.

L. P. GRAHAM, Solicitor of Patents, Decatur, Illinois. Office over "Cheap Charley's." No model required; only $20 expense in case of failure. [maylwly

WANTED—A white horse or mare, 5 to 9 years old, weighing 1050 to 1100 pounds. Call on Caldwell Bros. at their livery stable.
Feb. 15-dtf wtf

FOR SALE.

In order to change my business I will sell my stock of CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS and GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS at a bargain. Amount of stock, about $2500.
Dec. 7—wtf O. H. SCRIBNER,
Macon, Illinois.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Thomas Perkins, Dec'd.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Thomas Perkins, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county at the Court House in Decatur, at the April term, on the third Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 27th day of February, 1883.
March 1—w3w JOHN LONGSTREET,
Administrator.

Notice to Bridge Builders.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the undersigned commissioners of highways for Austin township, until noon of March 10th, 1883, for the building of two bridges in said township—one of them a thirty foot span bridge on the county line between DeWitt and Macon counties, and the other a 40-foot span bridge between sections 33 and 34 of said township. Bidders will be required to show plans and specifications on day of opening bids at the county clerk's office in Decatur, on Saturday, March 10, 1883, at 12 o'clock noon. JOSHUA HUBBARD,
March 1—w1 A. B. McKEE,
Commissioners.



—THE—

Annual Clearing Out Sale

HAS BEGUN NOW,

And will last until the Arrival of Our Spring Stock.

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Feb. 2, 1881—d&wy

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Big 18. **CHEAP STORE.**
Jan. 26—d&wtf J. W. RACE, Assignee.

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